

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Drug Court Program

Description

The Drug Court Program was initiated in January of 2003, and provides intense supervision and treatment, frequent judicial reviews, mandatory drug testing, graduated sanctions, aftercare, and other rehabilitative services to nonviolent, substance abusing offenders for a minimum of twelve months, with the average participation lasting eighteen months. There are up to forty new participants placed in the program each year that have their progress closely monitored and evaluated by program staff.

Working with other organizations and agencies is key to the success of the Drug Court. The program coordinates its efforts with other County agencies and nonprofit organizations in the region to help deliver the program's services. In addition, the Sheriff provides one part-time Investigator to the program as a local in-kind County contribution. The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Henrico Mental Health and Developmental Services (MH/DS), the Circuit Court and the Community Corrections Program also provide local in-kind contributions to the program.

Objectives

- To reduce crime resulting from substance abusing offenders
- To assist participants with finding gainful employment or increasing their educational achievements.
- To locate additional resources to contribute towards the support of the Drug Court Program in the future.
- To provide comprehensive treatment to substance abusing offenders.
- To administer, monitor, and evaluate the Drug Court Program for effectiveness and economic impact.

Budget Highlights

The Drug Court Program will complete its eleventh year of operations in FY2013-14. Caseloads continue

Annual Fiscal Plan

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY13 Actual</u>	<u>FY14 Original</u>	<u>FY15 Approved</u>	<u>Change 14 to 15</u>
Personnel	\$ 312,280	\$ 341,148	\$ 339,719	(0.4%)
Operation	94,551	82,227	82,227	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 406,831</u>	<u>\$ 423,375</u>	<u>\$ 421,946</u>	<u>(0.3%)</u>
Personnel Complement*	1	1	1	0

*Personnel Complement does not reflect 4 Complement III positions that are supported by this budget

Drug Court (cont'd)

Performance Measures				
	FY13	FY14	FY15	Changes 14 to 15
Workload Measures				
Community Awareness Activities Conducted	23	21	22	1
Efficiency Measures				
% of Referrals Assessed on Time	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Effectiveness Measures				
% of Participants Gainfully Employed/Schooled	80.0%	85.0%	85.0%	0.0%
% of Participants Staying Drug-Free	77.0%	74.0%	74.0%	0.0%
% of Participants Not Re-Arrested	96.0%	95.0%	95.0%	0.0%

to increase as new cases are constantly added. The program was started with the use of federal funding. However, federal funds were discontinued in FY2005-06. The Drug Court program for Henrico County received a grant from the State in the amount of \$232,261 in FY2005-06 to support the program and replace the discontinued federal funding. It is anticipated that funding from the Virginia Supreme Court, which took over the administration of these grants from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, will provide funding of \$232,000 in FY2014-15. The Drug Court also collects probation fees to help defray the costs of the program. These fees were raised from \$25 to \$50 per participant during FY2013-14. The program is expected to receive \$17,807 in fee revenues during FY2014-15, which is \$5,455 more than was estimated for FY2013-14. This revenue increase allows for a reduction of General Fund support by 3.8 percent, to a total of 172,139.

Currently, one Complement I position is funded for the Drug Court, a Senior Management Specialist. Four

positions are Complement III, including one County Probation Officer, one Office Assistant III, and two MH/DS Clinicians.

The Henrico Drug Court's NACo Award winning "Healthy Lifestyles Initiative" continues to provide assistance for participants to gain access to primary health and wellness programming. Professionals with the Fan Free Clinic provided quarterly rapid results HIV testing at the Drug Court Office. Representatives from MADD and the Drive to Work Program provided seminars for the participants on lawful driving. The Drug Court continues to host quarterly Family Day events to help reestablish family ties that have been broken due to years of substance abuse addiction.

The Drug Court maintains a full caseload averaging 40 new cases each year. Drug Court services have been enhanced recently with a Bureau of Justice grant. The grant funding has provided for enhanced alcohol testing, alumni outreach opportunities and training opportunities for team members.