

PUBLIC HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

Public Health works collaboratively to ensure healthy living conditions for everyone. Health Department leaders serve as Chief Health Strategists, partnering across multiple sectors and leveraging data and resources to address social, environmental, and economic conditions that affect health and health equity. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Henrico, and the City of Richmond established a shared leadership of their local health districts in 2018. The dual district health director is offered as a model for regional public health collaboration and a first for VDH’s Central Region. The two health districts retain separate staff and operations.

The Health Department also provides clinical services, restaurant inspections, permitting of wells and septic systems, and a host of other public health services to the residents of Henrico County. The State and County provide cooperative funding consisting of 55.0% State funds and 45.0% County funds. The budget herein reflects the County’s 45.0% funding level for the cooperative budget and some additional funding to support maternal-child health outcomes, the community-based Doula program, community health workers, and trauma healing response.

OBJECTIVES

- Minimize the spread of communicable disease through epidemiological monitoring of infectious diseases.
- Understand the root causes of health disparities in Henrico County and work toward equity-driven programs and policies.
- Build partnerships and a referral network across public, private, and nonprofit sectors to better meet the clinical needs of all residents.
- Offer community-informed, culturally appropriate services addressing the evolving needs of the County.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY22 Actual	FY23 Original	FY24 Approved	Change 23 to 24
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	2,888,239	2,967,497	3,130,561	5.5%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 2,888,239</u>	<u>\$ 2,967,497</u>	<u>\$ 3,130,561</u>	<u>5.5%</u>
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Does not reflect classified and non-classified State positions. The County portion of funding for these positions resides within the operating component of the budget.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Performance Measures			Change
	FY22	FY23	FY24	23 to 24
Workload Measures				
Nursing Home Screening	622	700	700	0
Food Service Protection Visits	2,173	3,000	3,000	0
WIC Average Monthly Participation	5,113	4,800	5,000	200
Number of Clinic Patients	4,133	4,500	4,500	0
Number of Clinic Patient Visits	8,334	9,000	9,000	0
Animal Bite Response	755	610	610	0
Maternity Navigation	202	200	200	0

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Health Department’s budget has two parts. The first reflects the 45.0% County share of the cooperative budget, which totals \$2,590,838, an increase of 6.7% from FY23 and based upon the December 2022 revised local government agreement (LGA). This budget does not reflect any state or federal funding. There are no County positions assigned to Public Health. The second part of the Health Department’s budget reflects the County funding of \$183,698 for maternal child health programming that includes maternity navigation and oversees the regional Health Taskforce, \$232,800 for community-based doula program funding, \$89,500 for community health workers, \$2,525 for telecommunications funding, and \$31,200 for a Trauma Healing Response position. Total county funding is \$3,130,561, an increase of \$163,064 or 5.5% above FY23.

SERVICES

The Health Department has 3 locations throughout the county and provides the following services:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- Nutrition education, food vouchers for eligible pregnant, breast-feeding & postpartum women, and children up to age 5

Environmental Health

- Restaurant inspections
- Well and septic tank permits
- Day care facility inspections
- Rabies information

Vital Records

- Death, Marriage, Divorce, & Birth certificates

Public Health

Family Planning & Maternity Care

- Family Planning services: screening tests, birth control methods, and counseling
- Pregnancy tests
- Maternity Navigation

STD Clinic (East)

- Sexually transmitted disease screening, treatment, and counseling
- HIV testing and counseling

Communicable Disease Program (West)

- Tuberculosis (TB) and communicable disease follow-up

Refugee Program (West)

- Health assessments and immunizations for newly arrived refugees

Immunizations

- For adults and children

Medical Reserve Corps Opportunities

- Emergency Preparedness volunteers

COVID-19 Services

- Navigation
- Testing
- Vaccine Distribution