

LINE OF DUTY – FIDUCIARY FUND

DESCRIPTION

The Line of Duty Fiduciary Fund was created in the FY2012-13 Annual Fiscal Plan due to a mandate from the Commonwealth of Virginia that requires localities to pay the cost of this State approved benefit. The Line of Duty benefit was initially approved by the General Assembly as an additional life insurance payment for public safety employees that die in the line of duty. However, the General Assembly expanded the benefit during the 1998 session of the General Assembly to include health insurance coverage. The health insurance benefit covers the public safety employee that dies or becomes disabled in the line of duty as well as their spouse and dependents. The expanded benefit was effective July 1, 2000.

During the 2010 session of the General Assembly, due to the increasing cost of this State benefit directly related to the increasing cost of providing healthcare insurance, the 2010-2012 Biennial Budget passed the cost of the line of duty benefits from the Commonwealth of Virginia to localities. Localities were given two options to pay for the line of duty costs. The first option was for localities to pay the costs of the line of duty benefits directly. The second option was to participate in a line of duty pool administered by the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). The County of Henrico chose the first option, to pay the costs of the program directly.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget for FY2019-20 provides funding for the costs associated with the Line of Duty payments.

As a result of the General Assembly passing the cost of this State approved benefit to localities, a new fiduciary fund was created in the FY2012-13 approved budget with an original forecasted budget of \$500,000. This fiduciary fund allows the County to budget for the annual cost of the Line of Duty. Currently, this benefit provides coverage for 68 retirees at an average monthly cost of \$1,179 per retiree.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan				
Description	FY18 Actual	FY19 Original	FY20 Approved	Change 19 to 20
Line of Duty Contribution	\$ 930,282	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	0.0%
Total Line of Duty	\$ 930,282	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	0.0%