

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Drug Court Program

DESCRIPTION

The Drug Court Program was initiated in January of 2003. The Drug Court 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. The average participant spends eighteen months in the program. New participants are placed in the program each year. Their progress is 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 an in-kind County contribution. The Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Henrico Mental Health and Developmental Services, the Circuit Court and the Community Corrections Program also provide 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 SUMMARY

Description	FY20 Actual	FY21 Original	FY22 Approved	Change 21 to 22
Personnel	\$ 290,070	\$ 372,265	\$ 377,279	1.3%
Operation	97,856	73,464	73,464	0.0%
Capital	1,681	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Total	\$ 389,607	\$ 447,229	\$ 452,243	1.1%
Personnel Complement*	1	1	1	0

**Note: The budget for Drug Court includes funding for five positions, including 1 complement I and 4 complement III positions. The complement III positions are excluded from the County's Personnel Complement listed.*

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Employees from the Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney's Office have encouraged friendly competition by taking on the Drug Court participants in a March Madness basketball game as well as an annual softball game, which also includes employees of the Sheriff's Office.

In 2019, the Drug Court held its third annual 5K race. The proceeds from this event are used to offset the costs of program-related social events, designed to help reestablish family ties that have been damaged by years of substance abuse. Among these events is the annual Turkey Tuesday, which provides frozen turkeys to program participants and graduates at Thanksgiving, so they can share a holiday meal with their families.