

VJCCCA - PROBATION

DESCRIPTION

Since 1996, the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA) has provided funding for community based programs and services in the juvenile justice system outside of secure detention. These programs and services continue to be utilized as alternatives to secure detention. Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges and court services staff utilize VJCCCA funding to provide an array of programs and services to juveniles and their families. This is accomplished by the use of private vendors, independent contractors and VJCCCA staff. In 2019, the General Assembly added a provision to VJCCCA services to allow for VJCCCA programs to be used as a prevention option for youth and families that do not have a matter before the Court. Select VJCCCA programs were identified by the VJCCCA Planning Committee to be utilized for these services; primarily for truancy youth referred by Henrico County Public Schools.

The programs and services provided include home based services, mentoring, GPS electronic monitoring, a two- level larceny reduction program, parent, and anger management groups, Project Fresh Start groups, and Promoting Empowerment and Resiliency through Learning Strengths (PEARLS), a program that specifically addresses the need of female youth. If a youth and family need specific nonresidential services, funding is also available to provide these services through a category called Service Plan Supervision. In December 2022, a weapons program was written and developed to provide group services to any youth who have utilized a weapon with the goal to be able to receive referrals into the program in early 2023. Referrals may come as a prevention or diversion referral, or upon a court order.

VJCCCA funding continues to offer services that are accessible in a timely manner and provide must needed resources to youth and their families. The VJCCCA Office continues to develop programs and services that address the juvenile justice system needs of Henrico County. Each VJCCCA program has its own unique goals, but all seek to hold youth accountable for their behavior and reduce continued delinquency. Beyond these goals, parental participation is required within all VJCCCA programs.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY22	FY23	FY24	Change
	Actual	Original	Approved	23 to 24
Personnel	\$ 297,646	\$ 327,903	\$ 354,243	8.0%
Operation	334,788	372,665	447,665	20.1%
Capital	3,936	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 636,370</u>	<u>\$ 700,568</u>	<u>\$ 801,908</u>	<u>14.5%</u>
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Personnel Complement does not reflect 3 Complement III positions that are supported by this budget.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>Change 23 to 24</u>
Workload Measures				
Number of Referrals from Probation/Court Order	499	520	620	100

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a continuum of service to the Court and Court Service Unit staff that best fit the needs of Henrico County.
- To continue to provide services and meet the needs of families.
- To continue to provide services that promotes parental participation to assist juveniles and their families in making positive changes.
- To encourage a public/private partnership in the design and delivery of services.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Juvenile Probation VJCCCA budget for FY24 totals \$801,908. The Program's budget reflects a \$101,340 increase, or 14.5% when compared to the FY23 budget. The personnel component increased by \$26,340, an 8.0% growth, due to rising employee salary, healthcare, and benefit costs. The operating component increased by \$75,000, a 20.1% increase, and adds additional funding for prevention services and programming. An increase in program referrals from Henrico County Public Schools supports the need for this operating adjustment.