

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Special Drug Prosecutor

DESCRIPTION

The General Assembly of Virginia passed legislation in 1983 establishing the Special Drug Prosecutor Program and creating multi-jurisdiction grand juries (MJGJs). A MJGJ, in contrast to a regular grand jury, is an investigative body with the statutory authority to issue statewide subpoenas for documents and other evidence, and to call for sworn testimony of persons with information related to specific criminal offenses. Henrico's Drug Prosecutor program was implemented in May of 1984. The goal is to investigate criminal violations of Virginia drug laws as well as other illegal activities, including homicide, abduction, perjury, embezzlement, computer crimes, Medicaid fraud, and trademark infringement.

OBJECTIVES

- Investigate and prosecute those involved in the illegal use or distribution of drugs, and drug paraphernalia.
- Provide assistance in any other provision of law when such condition is discovered in the course of an investigation, which a multi-jurisdiction drug prosecutor is otherwise authorized to undertake and to investigate any condition, which involves or tends to promote any attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to violate laws.
- Administer use of the grand jury by prosecutors from each of the member jurisdictions Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The use of the Special Drug Prosecutor Program provides a vital public safety function for the County of Henrico. The Program's budget for FY2020-21 is \$182,296 and reflects a \$6,616 or 3.8 percent increase when compared to the prior fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY19 Actual	FY20 Original	FY21 Proposed	Change 20 to 21
Personnel	\$ 171,825	\$ 169,722	\$ 176,338	3.9%
Operation	6,516	5,958	5,958	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 178,341</u>	<u>\$ 175,680</u>	<u>\$ 182,296</u>	<u>3.8%</u>

Personnel Complement* 1 1 1 0

* Special Drug Prosecutor includes funding for two positions including 1 complement II and one complement III position. The complement III position is excluded from the Personnel Complement listed above.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>Change 20 to 21</u>
Workload Measures				
Total Subpoenaes	1,493	1,800	1,600	(200)
Total Indictments	952	1,150	1,100	(50)
Total Defendants	289	350	300	(50)

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

The Program’s budget includes General Fund support of \$61,343. The operating component also remains unchanged from FY2019-20.

The State Compensation Board and the County both contribute to the salaries and associated personnel costs for the two positions funded through the program. Personnel costs will increase \$6,616 or 3.9 percent because of salary and benefit increases.

The Special Drug Prosecutor’s responsibilities include working with a multi-jurisdictional investigative grand jury comprised of the Counties of Henrico, Hanover and Chesterfield, and the City of Richmond. The Special Drug Prosecutor coordinates witnesses and subpoenas for tangible evidence ordered by the grand jury and handles a full caseload of criminal matters. The multi-jurisdictional grand jury plays an essential role in the investigation of drug and homicide cases in the Richmond metropolitan area.

The table below presents a historical depiction of the State/County split of the budget for this program.

Fiscal Year	State Funding	Approved County Funding	% County
2011-12	119,400	69,563	37%
2012-13	119,400	66,715	36%
2013-14	121,533	66,715	35%
2014-15	129,773	61,185	32%
2015-16	131,998	52,569	28%
2016-17	131,998	61,862	32%
2017-18	104,207	60,843	37%
2018-19	108,936	61,343	37%
2019-20	114,337	61,343	36%
2020-21	120,953	61,343	34%



Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2020-21
SPECIAL DRUG PROSECUTOR

Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50100 Full-Time Salaries and Wages - Regular	121,362	124,240	127,967	3,727	3.0%
50101 Full-Time Salaries and Wages - Overtime	39	0	0	0	0.0%
50110 FICA	8,554	9,504	9,790	286	3.0%
50111 Retirement VRS	16,129	16,512	17,915	1,403	8.5%
50112 Hospital/Medical Plans	24,151	17,838	18,900	1,062	6.0%
50113 Group Insurance - Life (VRS)	1,590	1,628	1,766	138	8.5%
50412 Telecommunications	991	500	600	100	20.0%
50430 Mileage	222	100	225	125	125.0%
50450 Dues And Association Memberships	90	90	90	0	0.0%
50500 Office Supplies	3,450	4,519	4,244	-275	-6.1%
50501 Food Supplies and Food Service Supplies	172	175	175	0	0.0%
50512 Books and Subscriptions	421	400	450	50	12.5%
50521 Computer Software	1,170	174	174	0	0.0%
Total Department	178,341	175,680	182,296	6,616	3.8%