

PUBLIC HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

Public Health works collaboratively to ensure the conditions in which everyone can be healthy. 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.

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.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY21	FY22	FY23	Change
	Actual	Original	Proposed	22 to 23
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	2,484,119	2,687,497	2,967,497	10.4%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 2,484,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,687,497</u>	<u>\$ 2,967,497</u>	<u>10.4%</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

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Change 22 to 23</u>
Workload Measures				
Nursing Home Screening	606	624	650	26
Food Service Protection Visits	2,611	3,500	3,500	0
WIC Average Monthly Participation	5,279	4,800	5,000	200
Number of Clinic Patients	3,405	6,552	9,471	2,919
Number of Clinic Patient Visits	7,033	8,100	12,312	4,212
Animal Bite Response	733	610	610	0
Outbreak Response	277	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maternity Navigation	178	175	200	25

OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

- Offer services that are community-informed, culturally appropriate, and designed to address the evolving needs of our county.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Department's budget for FY23 reflects the 45.0% County share of the cooperative budget, which totals \$2,427,774. This budget does not reflect any state or federal funding. There are no County funded positions assigned to Public Health. Additional County funding of \$183,698 funds maternal child health programming that includes a social worker and nursing staff to execute the maternity navigation program and oversee the regional Maternal Child Health Taskforce, \$264,000 for doula program funding, \$89,500 for community health workers, and an additional \$750 for telecom overages bringing the total to \$2,525 for telecommunications costs. Offsetting these is a reduction in the LGA portion of \$74,225. Total County funding is \$2,967,497, an increase of \$280,000 or 10.4%, above the FY22 budget, due to increased local support.

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

Public Health

- Death, Marriage, Divorce, & Birth certificates

Family Planning & Maternity Care

- Family Planning services: screening tests, birth control methods & counseling
- Pregnancy tests
- Medical care for pregnant women

STD Clinic (East)

- Screening, treatment, and counseling of sexually transmitted diseases
- HIV testing & counseling

Communicable Disease Program (West)

- TB & Communicable Disease follow-up

Refugee Program (West)

- Health assessments & immunizations for newly arrived refugees

Immunizations

- For adults & children

Medical Reserve Corps Opportunities

- Emergency Preparedness volunteers

COVID-19 Services

- Navigation
- Testing
- Vaccine Distribution

For FY23 the department has requested an additional 100% funding to specifically increase outreach into the community to address health and social determinants of health. Funding of \$89,500.00 will be used for Henrico-based Community Health Workers, staff who serve as health liaisons to their communities. These staff focus on the refugee/immigrant community, Latino community, and Black low-income housing communities. They provide community outreach, connection to medical and social resources, and health education information.

Additionally, \$264,000 will be used for the Henrico Doula Program, which is an equity-driven strategy that has the potential to reduce racial disparities in maternal health outcomes by promoting physical and emotional health and wellness for Black mothers, strengthening mother-baby bonding and infant health outcomes, and compensating local doulas for the essential work they perform in local communities.



**Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2022-23
PUBLIC HEALTH**

Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50290 Purchase of Services from Other Governments	183,698	183,698	537,198	353,500	192.4%
50412 Telecommunications	2,069	1,800	2,525	725	40.3%
50440 Payment To State/Local Health Dept.	2,298,352	2,501,999	2,427,774	-74,225	-3.0%
Total Department	2,484,119	2,687,497	2,967,497	280,000	10.4%