

PUBLIC HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

Public Health works collaboratively to ensure healthy living conditions for everyone. 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 and community health workers.

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.
- Offer community-informed, culturally appropriate services addressing the evolving needs of the County.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan				
Description	FY21 Actual	FY22 Original	FY23 Approved	Change 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

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 provides maternal child health programming that includes maternity navigation and oversees the regional Health Taskforce, \$264,000 for doula program funding, \$89,500 for community health workers, and an additional \$750 for telecom overages bringing the total for telecommunications funding to \$2,525. Offsetting these is a reduction in the local government agreement (LGA) portion of \$74,225 based on the formula. Total county funding is \$2,967,497, an increase of \$280,000 or 10.4%, above the FY22 budget, due to increased local support for the doula program and community health workers.

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

- Death, Marriage, Divorce, & Birth certificates

Public Health

Family Planning & Maternity Care

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

STD Clinic (East)

- Sexually transmitted disease screening, treatment, and counseling
- HIV testing and counseling

Communicable Disease Program (West)

- Tuberculosis (TB) and communicable disease follow-up

Refugee Program (West)

- Health assessments and immunizations for newly arrived refugees

Immunizations

- For adults and children

Medical Reserve Corps Opportunities

- Emergency Preparedness volunteers

COVID-19 Services

- Navigation
- Testing
- Vaccine Distribution

For FY23 the department received additional County funding for two programs: Community Health Workers and the Doula Program. Community health workers specifically increase outreach into their communities as liaisons to help address health and social determinants of health. These staff focus on the refugee and immigrant community, Latino community, and Black low-income housing communities by providing outreach, connection to medical and social resources, and health education information. The Henrico Doula Program compensates local doulas for the essential work they perform with a goal of reducing racial disparities in maternal health outcomes. Doulas work with expectant mothers promoting physical and emotional health and wellness, strengthening mother-baby bonding, and improving infant health outcomes among underserved populations.