

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Recovery Court Program

DESCRIPTION

The Recovery Court Program was initiated in January of 2003. The Recovery Court provides intense supervision and treatment, frequent judicial reviews, mandatory drug testing, graduated sanctions, aftercare, and other rehabilitative services to individuals with substance use disorders. The average participant spends eighteen months in the program. New participants are referred to 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 Recovery Court. The program coordinates its efforts with other County agencies and nonprofit organizations in the region to help deliver program 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, Mental Health and Developmental Services, Circuit Court, and the Community Corrections Program also provide in-kind contributions to the program.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide comprehensive treatment to individuals with substance use disorders.
- To assist participants with finding gainful employment or increasing their educational achievements.
- To locate additional resources to contribute towards the support of the Recovery Court Program.
- To administer, monitor, and evaluate the Recovery Court Program for effectiveness and economic impact.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The program was started with the use of federal funding. However, federal funds were discontinued in FY06. The Recovery Court program for Henrico County received a grant from the State in the amount of \$232,261 in FY06 to support the program and replace the discontinued federal funding. It is anticipated that funding from the Virginia Supreme Court, which administers these grants will be \$250,000 in FY26. This estimate is unchanged from the

ANNUAL FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

Description	FY24 Actual	FY25 Original	FY26 Approved	Change 25-26
Personnel	\$ 437,227	\$ 508,490	\$ 538,767	6.0%
Operation	70,512	73,464	82,464	12.3%
Capital	194	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 507,933</u>	<u>\$ 583,454</u>	<u>\$ 622,731</u>	<u>6.7%</u>

Personnel Complement*

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*Personnel Complement does not reflect 4 Complement III positions that are supported by the budget.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>Change 25-26</u>
Workload Measures				
Number of Referrals	41	45	45	-
Successful Graduates	12	16	16	-
Efficiency Measures				
Graduation Rate	58%	60%	60%	-
Termination Rate	42%	40%	40%	-
Effectiveness Measures				
Percentage of Participants Staying Drug-Free	74%	75%	75%	-

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

amount of State support in the FY25 approved budget. The requirement for General Fund support in FY26 is projected to be \$339,055, which is an increase of \$28,011, or 4.8%. The Recovery Court also collects probation fees to help defray the costs of the program. Fee collections are expected to be \$22,410 during FY26.

The budget for FY26 is \$622,731. This is an increase of \$39,277, or 6.7%, from the FY25 approved budget. The personnel component has increased by \$30,277 due to an increase in employee salaries. The operating budget has an increase of \$9,000, compared for FY25, due to a need to provide legal services for various participants of the program. Capital outlay remains at \$1,500, for the replacement of computer equipment.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

In January of 2017, the Recovery Court instituted a limit of 55 participants in the program, with new participants being accepted when there is availability. Services are provided by one Complement I position, one Community Corrections Unit Supervisor, and four positions that are Complement III, including one County Probation Officer, one Case Management Technician, and two MH/DS Clinicians.

In recent years, the Recovery Court began to offer a Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) program that is focused on changing the criminal thinking mindset that can create problems for program participants, and a Seeking Safety program, which focuses on treating the mental trauma that has led many to addiction. With these two new programs, the Recovery Court has doubled its treatment for participants. Recovery Court works continuously to provide 5.5 hours of weekly treatment dosage to ensure continued success of these programs.

The Henrico Recovery Court's NACo Award winning "Healthy Lifestyles Initiative" continues to provide information and assistance for participants to gain access to primary health and wellness programming. The Health Department provides annual HIV and Hepatitis testing at the Recovery Court Office. The Recovery Court continues to plan sober activities for their participants. This includes graduation activities and holiday celebrations. Recovery Court incentives also encourage sobriety among participants.