

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.

ANNUAL FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

Description	FY25 Actual	FY26 Original	FY27 Approved	% Change
Personnel	\$511,817	\$538,767	\$661,381	22.8%
Operation	99,485	82,464	82,464	0.0%
Capital	1,842	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Subtotal	\$613,144	\$622,731	\$745,345	19.7%
Recommended Adjustment	0	0	-18,682	0.0%
Total	\$613,144	\$622,731	\$726,663	16.7%

Personnel Complement	1	1	2 *	1
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* The addition of one Pretrial/Probation Officer was approved for FY27.

The personnel complement does not reflect 4 Complement III positions supported by the budget.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>26-27 Change</u>
Workload Measures				
Number of Referrals	57	49	53	4
Successful Graduates	12	10	8	-2
Efficiency Measures				
Graduation Rate	54%	56%	55%	-1%
Termination Rate	46%	44%	45%	1%

OBJECTIVES (CONTINUED)

- 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 FY27. This estimate is unchanged from the amount of State support in the FY26 approved budget. The requirement for General Fund support in FY27 is \$454,253, which is an increase of \$115,198, or 34.0%. The Recovery Court also collects probation fees to help defray the costs of the program. Fee collections are expected to be \$22,410 during FY27.

The budget for FY27 is \$726,663. This is an increase of \$103,932, or 16.7%, from the FY26 approved budget. This budgetary growth is in the personnel component, stemming from the addition of a Pretrial/Probation Officer position and changes in benefit rates. As part of an exercise in fiscal prudence, this budget includes an operating decrease of \$18,682, which is equivalent to 3% of the department's FY26 approved budget. Apart from that, the requirements for operating and capital outlay are unchanged from the FY26 approved budget.

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.

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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 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 the 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.