

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. Police and prosecutors for the Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the City of Richmond work together to conduct multi-jurisdictional investigations and direct a special grand jury as authorized by state law. The grand jury is authorized to investigate various crimes committed in the metro area, including murder, maiming, robbery, abduction, financial and computer crimes, and drug trafficking.

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 that 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 SUMMARY

Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Original	FY25 Proposed	Change 24 - 25
Personnel	\$ 230,086	\$ 234,397	\$ 201,332	(14.1%)
Operation	4,072	5,458	5,458	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 234,158</u>	<u>\$ 239,855</u>	<u>\$ 206,790</u>	<u>(13.8%)</u>

Personnel Complement* 1 1 1 0

* Special Drug Prosecutor maintains the budget for two positions. There is one (1) complement III position excluded from this personnel count.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>Change FY24 - FY25</u>
Workload Measures				
Subpoenas	2,081	2,085	2,100	15
Defendants	213	220	225	5
Indictments	732	740	750	10

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Special Drug Prosecutor budget for FY25 is \$206,790, a decrease of \$33,065, or 13.8% from FY24. This decrease is reflected in the personnel component and is the result of changes in compensation and benefits related to staff assigned to the Special Drug Prosecutor. The operating and capital components are unchanged.

The State Compensation Board and the county both contribute to the salaries and associated personnel costs for the positions funded through the program. The budget includes projected General Fund support of \$51,790.

This table presents a historic depiction of state funding for the Special Drug Prosecutor.

Fiscal Year	State Funding	County Funding	% County
FY16	135,694	56,833	30%
FY17	134,790	81,887	38%
FY18	135,174	29,379	18%
FY19	135,926	42,415	24%
FY20	141,280	40,865	22%
FY21	138,714	22,189	14%
FY22	147,113	38,262	21%
FY23	153,112	81,045	35%
FY24	150,000	89,855	37%
FY25	155,000	51,790	25%

* FY24 and FY25 reflect projections

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Special Drug Prosecutor Program provides a vital public safety function for the county by working with a multi-jurisdictional investigative grand jury comprised of the Counties of Henrico, Hanover, 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 metro area, including murder, maiming, robbery, abduction, financial and computer crimes, and drug trafficking.



**Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2024-25
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	171,271	169,822	143,639	-26,183	-15.4%
50108 Hybrid Disability Prgm (Prev Wage Adj)	145	0	495	495	100.0%
50109 Vacancy Savings	0	0	-5,203	-5,203	-100.0%
50110 FICA	12,580	12,884	10,988	-1,896	-14.7%
50111 Retirement VRS	24,475	27,839	25,137	-2,702	-9.7%
50112 Hospital/Medical Plans	19,631	21,494	22,168	674	3.1%
50113 Group Insurance - Life (VRS)	1,984	2,358	2,011	-347	-14.7%
50121 VRS Hybrid Deferred Contribution	0	0	2,097	2,097	100.0%
50412 Telecommunications	623	600	600	0	0.0%
50430 Mileage	187	150	150	0	0.0%
50500 Office Supplies	2,556	4,333	4,333	0	0.0%
50501 Food Supplies and Food Service Supplies	142	0	0	0	0.0%
50521 Computer Software	564	375	375	0	0.0%
Total Department	234,158	239,855	206,790	-33,065	-13.8%