

# 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.

The Special Drug Prosecutor coordinates witnesses and subpoenas for tangible evidence ordered by the grand jury and handles a full caseload of criminal matters.

### 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 prosecutor from each of the member jurisdictions.

### ANNUAL FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

Description	FY24 Actual	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	Change 25-26
Personnel	\$ 205,004	\$ 201,332	\$ 291,483	44.8%
Operation	3,604	5,458	5,458	0.0%
Capital	-	-	-	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 208,608</u>	<u>\$ 206,790</u>	<u>\$ 296,941</u>	<u>43.6%</u>

Personnel Complement 1 1 1 -  
The Special Drug Prosecutor maintains the budget for two positions assigned by the Commonwealth's Attorney. One (1) complement III position is excluded from the personnel count.

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### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>Change 25-26</b>
<b>Workload Measures</b>				
Subpoenas	2,537	2,100	2,400	300
Defendants	176	225	225	-
Indictments	620	750	750	-

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Special Drug Prosecutor budget for FY26 is \$296,941, an increase of \$90,151 or 43.6% from FY25. This increase is reflected in the personnel component and is the result of a change to the assigned prosecutor as well as compensation and benefit increases. The operating component is 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 \$135,653.

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>State Funding</b>	<b>County Funding</b>	<b>% County</b>
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	168,800	39,807	19%
FY25	155,000	51,790	25%
FY26	180,000	116,941	39%

\* FY25 and FY26 reflect projections



**Department Operating Budget  
Henrico County, Virginia  
FY2025-26  
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	146,362	143,639	218,175	74,536	51.9%
50108	Hybrid Disability Prgm (Prev Wage Adj)	354	495	0	-495	-100.0%
50109	Vacancy Savings	0	-5,203	-7,860	-2,657	-51.1%
50110	FICA	10,673	10,988	16,690	5,702	51.9%
50111	Retirement VRS	24,322	25,137	38,180	13,043	51.9%
50112	Hospital/Medical Plans	21,321	22,168	23,244	1,076	4.9%
50113	Group Insurance - Life (VRS)	1,972	2,011	3,054	1,043	51.9%
50121	VRS Hybrid Deferred Contribution	0	2,097	0	-2,097	-100.0%
50412	Telecommunications	620	600	600	0	0.0%
50430	Mileage	287	150	275	125	83.3%
50500	Office Supplies	2,156	4,333	3,983	-350	-8.1%
50501	Food Supplies and Food Service Supplies	117	0	150	150	100.0%
50521	Computer Software	424	375	450	75	20.0%
<b>Total Department</b>		<b>208,608</b>	<b>206,790</b>	<b>296,941</b>	<b>90,151</b>	<b>43.6%</b>