

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. The goal is to investigate criminal violations of Virginia drug laws as well as other illegal activities, including homicide, abduction, perjury, embezzlement, computer crimes, Medicaid fraud, and trademark infringement.

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, which 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 Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Special Drug Prosecutor budget for FY23 is \$193,412, a decrease of \$13,636, or 6.6% compared to the prior fiscal year and is exclusively a change in the personnel component and includes employee compensation and benefit rate increases offset by salary related to staffing changes.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 SUMMARY

Description	Annual Fiscal Plan			
	FY21 Actual	FY22 Original	FY23 Proposed	Change 22 to 23
Personnel	\$ 157,325	\$ 201,590	\$ 187,954	(6.8%)
Operation	3,578	5,458	5,458	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 160,903</u>	<u>\$ 207,048</u>	<u>\$ 193,412</u>	<u>(6.6%)</u>
Personnel Complement*	1	1	1	0

* Special Drug Prosecutor maintains the budget for two positions but the 1 compensation III position is excluded from the Personnel Complement.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Change 22 to 23</u>
Workload Measures				
Total Subpoenaes	1,634	1,650	1,675	25
Total Indictments	677	700	725	25
Total Defendants	227	250	275	25

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

The operating component is unchanged compared to FY22.

The State Compensation Board and the county both contribute to the salaries and associated personnel costs for the two positions funded through the program. The budget includes General Fund support of \$66,308.

The table below presents a historical depiction of the State/County split of the budget for this program.

Fiscal Year	State Funding	County Funding	% County
FY14	121,533	66,715	35%
FY15	129,773	61,185	32%
FY16	131,998	52,569	28%
FY17	131,998	61,862	32%
FY18	104,207	60,843	37%
FY19	108,936	61,343	37%
FY20	114,337	61,343	36%
FY21	120,953	58,276	33%
FY22	140,740	66,308	32%
FY23	127,104	66,308	34%

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 and 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 Richmond metropolitan area.



**Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2022-23
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	113,456	147,573	133,043	-14,530	-9.8%
50101 Full-Time Salaries and Wages - Overtime	301	0	0	0	0.0%
50108 Hybrid Disability Prgm (Prev Wage Adj)	241	0	478	478	100.0%
50110 FICA	8,231	11,289	10,159	-1,130	-10.0%
50111 Retirement VRS	13,680	20,660	21,951	1,291	6.2%
50112 Hospital/Medical Plans	20,152	20,032	20,464	432	2.2%
50113 Group Insurance - Life (VRS)	1,264	2,036	1,859	-177	-8.7%
50412 Telecommunications	529	600	600	0	0.0%
50430 Mileage	87	100	150	50	50.0%
50500 Office Supplies	2,452	4,128	4,378	250	6.1%
50512 Books and Subscriptions	147	450	150	-300	-66.7%
50521 Computer Software	363	180	180	0	0.0%
Total Department	160,903	207,048	193,412	-13,636	-6.6%