## **Mission Statement**

To provide an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia Constitutions.



Expenditure Budget: \$498,583



0.1% of Public Safety

**Programs:** 

Local Support: \$498,583

## Mandates

The Code of Virginia mandates that every county shall have a courthouse with suitable space and facilities to accommodate the various courts and officials serving the county.

**State Code:** <u>15.2-1638</u>, (County or city governing body to provide courthouse, clerk's office, jail and suitable facilities for attorney for the Commonwealth; acquisition of land)

# **Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court**

## Expenditure and Revenue Summary

Expenditure by Program	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Adopted	FY24 Adopted	% Change Budget FY23/ Budget FY24
Local Support Program	\$217,745	\$248,904	\$219,574	\$558,598	\$498,583	(10.74%)
Total Expenditures	\$217,745	\$248,904	\$219,574	\$558,598	\$498,583	(10.74%)
Expenditure by Classification						
Salaries & Benefits	\$107,525	\$132,606	\$121,658	\$440,636	\$381,281	(13.47%)
Contractual Services	\$20,956	\$11,597	\$14,368	\$10,939	\$10,939	0.00%
Internal Services	\$30,299	\$30,299	\$30,299	\$32,923	\$32,923	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$44,773	\$60,093	\$43,405	\$55,100	\$55,100	0.00%
Leases & Rentals	\$14,191	\$14,309	\$9,844	\$19,000	\$19,000	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$660)	-
Total Expenditures	\$217,745	\$248,904	\$219,574	\$558,598	\$498,583	(10.74%)
Funding Sources						
Fines & Forfeitures	\$8,021	\$5,743	\$14,084	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%
Use of Money & Property	\$775	\$973	\$810	\$731	\$731	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$76	\$63	\$0	\$0	-
Charges for Services	\$1,020	\$784	\$477	\$0	\$0	-
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$21,204	\$21,204	0.00%
Total Designated Funding Sources	\$29,816	\$27,576	\$35,435	\$46,935	\$46,935	0.00%
Net General Tax Support	\$187,929	\$221,328	\$184,139	\$511,663	\$451,648	(11.73%)
Net General Tax Support	86.31%	88.92%	83.86%	91.60%	90.59%	

## Staff History by Program



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### **Future Outlook**

**Diversified Language Resources** – Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court (JDRC) is experiencing a need for additional diverse language resources. There is one certified interpreter paid by the state for the entire Judicial Center. The need of interpreter services is both in the courtrooms and the walk-up counters that serve residents. As the County population increases this deficit will have a great impact on the judicial services JDRC will be able to provide to the citizens of Prince William County. JDRC plans to use current resources as positions open to address this critical need through the position reclassification process.

**Judicial Center Renovation and Expansion** – In FY24, work is to begin on phase two of the Judicial Center Renovation project. There is a concern with caseloads rising in the County that there could be a need for an additional judge to be added to the JDRC. In the current situation there is no space to accommodate an additional courtroom or staff. The Judicial Center Expansion project is included in the FY2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program to address long-term space needs at the Judicial Center, but these issues will need to be addressed before the master plan implementation as there is a real possibility and need for additional judges in the future.

### **General Overview**

A. Local Salary Supplement for JDRC State Employees – Beginning in FY23, JDRC state employees received a 15% local salary supplement, and the supplement continues in the FY2024 Budget for 25 state employees. The local salary supplement is \$220,000 which is a \$80,000 decrease from FY23 based on updated salary information from JDRC and anticipated state salary increase. The County's 15% local salary supplement remains unchanged. The intent of the local salary supplement is to assist JDRC with retention and recruitment in the Northern Virginia labor market.

## Program Summary

#### **Local Support Program**

There is a JDRC in each Virginia city and county. In Virginia, a juvenile is any person under 18 years of age. The JDRC hears all matters involving juveniles such as criminal or traffic matters. Juvenile delinquency cases involve a minor under the age of 18 who has been accused of committing an offense that would be considered criminal if committed by an adult. Other juvenile offenses may be referred to as status offenses. Status offenses are those acts that are unlawful only because they are committed by a minor.

In addition, this court handles other matters involving the family, such as custody, support, and visitation. The court also hears family abuse cases, cases where adults have been accused of child abuse or neglect, and criminal cases where the defendant and alleged victim are family or household members.

Key Measures	FY20 Actuals				
Juvenile cases concluded from prior years	7,296	7,257	6,500	7,972	7,018
Adult cases concluded from prior years	6,723	7,878	7,419	7,623	7,340

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY20 Actuals		FY22 Actuals	FY23 Adopted	FY24 Adopted
Juvenile Court Case Management	\$198	\$231	\$201	\$525	\$465
New juvenile cases	7,561	6,615	6,635	7,819	6,937
Juvenile cases continued from prior years	15,683	13,957	13,971	15,610	14,537
Adult Court Case Management	\$19	\$18	\$18	\$33	\$33
New adult cases	7,363	7,164	7,581	7,554	7,369
Adult cases continued from prior years	15,892	17,900	16,902	16,906	16,898