

Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court

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.

Quadrant Area

% of Safe & Secure Community

0.2%

Quadrant Expenditure Budget:

\$564,891,411

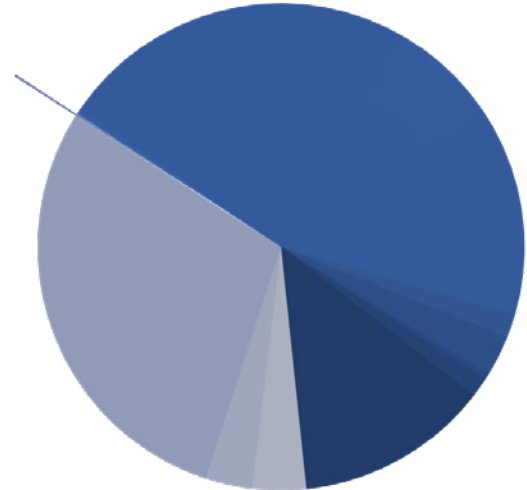
Programs

Local Support Program

\$935,027

Agency Expenditure Budget:

\$935,027



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: [15.2-1638](#), (County or city governing body to provide courthouse, clerk's office, jail and suitable facilities for attorney for the Commonwealth; acquisition of land)

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Expenditure and Revenue Summary



Expenditure by Program	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Proposed	% Change Budget FY26/ Budget FY27
Local Support Program	\$465,780	\$501,504	\$753,562	\$792,497	\$935,027	17.99%
Total Expenditures	\$465,780	\$501,504	\$753,562	\$792,497	\$935,027	17.99%

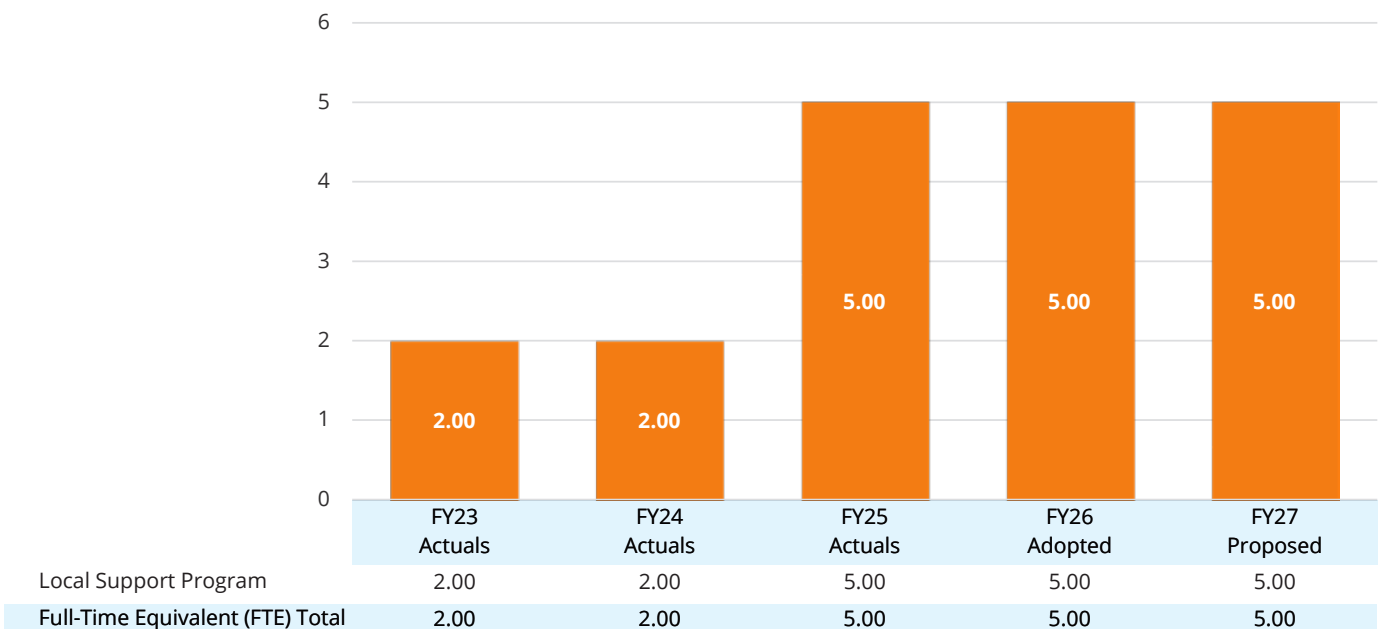
Expenditure by Classification

Salaries & Benefits	\$333,345	\$382,230	\$624,292	\$658,814	\$792,732	20.33%
Contractual Services	\$14,047	\$16,360	\$21,477	\$10,939	\$10,939	0.00%
Internal Services	\$43,947	\$32,923	\$32,923	\$32,923	\$41,535	26.16%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$61,200	\$55,929	\$64,518	\$71,481	\$71,481	0.00%
Leases & Rentals	\$13,241	\$14,062	\$10,353	\$19,000	\$19,000	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$660)	(\$660)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$465,780	\$501,504	\$753,562	\$792,497	\$935,027	17.99%

Funding Sources

Fines & Forfeitures	\$17,319	\$16,210	\$19,892	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%
Use of Money & Property	\$945	\$602	\$686	\$731	\$731	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$8	\$41	\$165	\$0	\$0	-
Charges for Services	\$538	\$794	\$435	\$0	\$0	-
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%
Total Designated Funding Sources	\$38,809	\$42,647	\$46,177	\$50,731	\$50,731	0.00%
Net General Tax Support	\$426,971	\$458,857	\$707,385	\$741,766	\$884,296	19.22%
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Staff History by Program



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Future Outlook

Judicial Center Space Issues – The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDRC) renovation project was completed in FY25. The project addressed the immediate need for space. JDRC has been working with all parties on the needs for the Court as the Judicial Center Expansion project included in the County's [Capital Improvement Program](#) moves forward. The goal of the expansion project is to address the bigger need for space and growth for all offices and Courts that reside in Judicial Center. As the County's population grows the state could see the need for additional resources such as staff and additional judges to serve the County.

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 Proposed FY2027 Budget for 25 state employees. The local salary supplement is \$240,219 which is a \$5,644 increase from FY26 based on a 2% 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.
- B. Redistribution of Internal Service Fund (ISF) Technology Budget** – The County allocates information technology (IT) costs to agencies through an ISF for all technology activities including computer support (hardware replacement, software licenses, and helpdesk customer services), IT security, business systems support (public safety communications, financial systems, human services systems, etc.), geographic information system, web services, capital equipment replacement, messaging, cloud storage, network and infrastructure services, telecommunications, and radios.

In FY26, funding was allocated in Non-Departmental to support the FY26 internal services fund billings for the Department of Information Technology, and in FY27 this funding is being reallocated to specific agencies to better represent the functional areas supported by these initiatives. In FY27, JDRC's technology bill increased by \$8,612. No technology service levels are changed, and there is no impact to the technology services individual agencies currently receive.

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Program Summary

Local Support Program

The JDRC is 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 cases on family abuse, adults accused of child abuse or neglect, and criminal where the defendant and alleged victim are family or household members.

Key Measures	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Proposed
Juvenile cases concluded from prior years	9,546	10,480	10,219	9,238	10,082
Adult cases concluded from prior years	9,681	9,741	10,235	9,185	9,886

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Proposed
Juvenile Court Case Management	\$441	\$477	\$727	\$758	\$900
New juvenile cases	9,874	10,488	9,965	9,392	10,109
Juvenile cases continued from prior years	16,495	20,867	19,913	17,454	19,092
Adult Court Case Management	\$25	\$25	\$27	\$35	\$35
New adult cases	9,428	9,136	9,827	8,897	9,464
Adult cases continued from prior years	19,394	19,891	20,932	19,005	20,072