

Circuit Court Judges

Mission Statement

The mission of the Prince William County Circuit Court Judges Chambers is to serve the public. It accomplishes this mission by providing a fair, responsive, and efficient system of justice that fully utilizes technological advancements, committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence by protecting rights and liberties, upholding, and interpreting the law, and resolving disputes peacefully, fairly, and effectively.

Quadrant Area

% of Safe & Secure Community

0.4%

Quadrant Expenditure Budget:

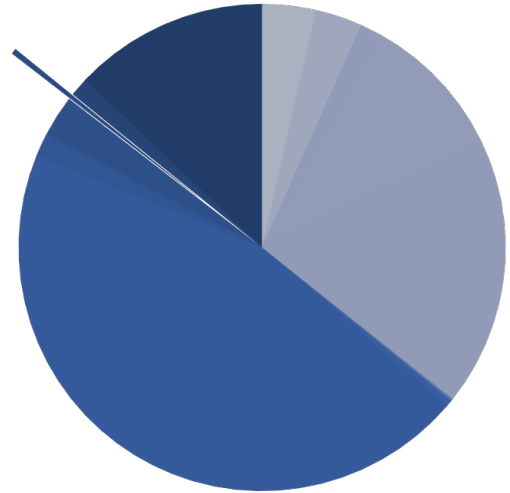
\$563,936,869

Programs

Circuit Court Judges Chambers \$2,140,915

Agency Expenditure Budget:

\$2,140,915



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 Adopted	% Change Budget FY26/ Budget FY27
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	\$1,739,200	\$1,655,403	\$1,975,757	\$2,098,261	\$2,140,915	2.03%
Total Expenditures	\$1,739,200	\$1,655,403	\$1,975,757	\$2,098,261	\$2,140,915	2.03%

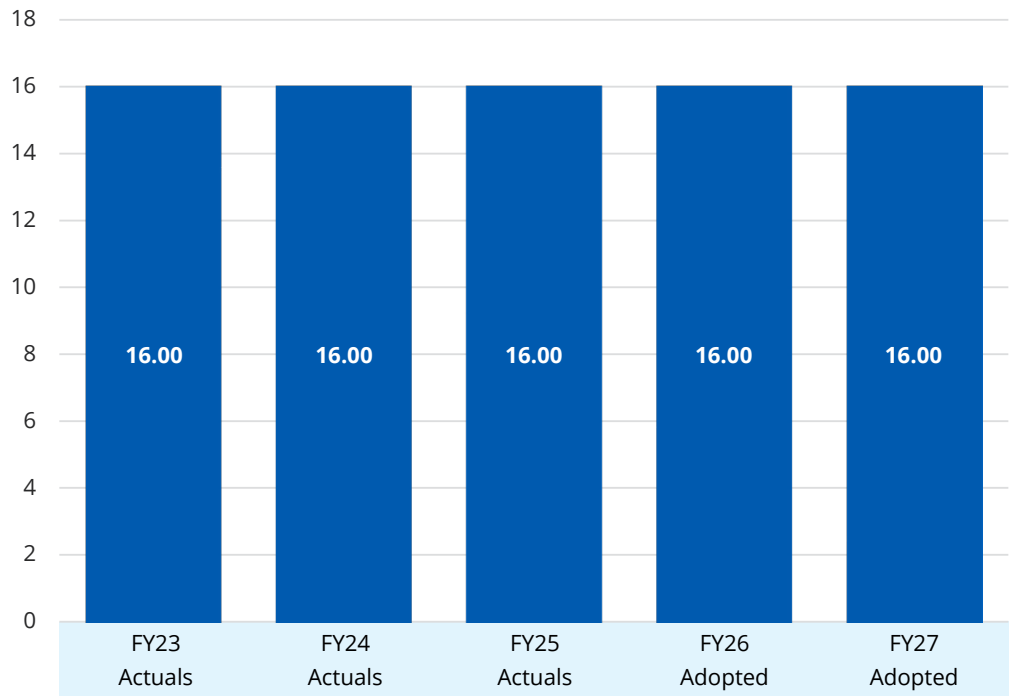
Expenditure by Classification

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,564,501	\$1,507,854	\$1,802,631	\$1,918,829	\$1,943,986	1.31%
Contractual Services	\$2,628	\$422	\$97	\$1,305	\$1,305	0.00%
Internal Services	\$79,691	\$73,503	\$82,565	\$82,565	\$100,062	21.19%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$88,194	\$69,132	\$85,921	\$92,007	\$92,007	0.00%
Leases & Rentals	\$4,185	\$4,492	\$4,543	\$4,492	\$4,492	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$937)	(\$937)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$1,739,200	\$1,655,403	\$1,975,757	\$2,098,261	\$2,140,915	2.03%

Funding Sources

Miscellaneous Revenue	\$51	\$244	\$439	\$0	\$0	-
Total Designated Funding Sources	\$51	\$244	\$439	\$0	\$0	-
Net General Tax Support	\$1,739,148	\$1,655,159	\$1,975,319	\$2,098,261	\$2,140,915	2.03%
Net General Tax Support	100.00%	99.99%	99.98%	100.00%	100.00%	

Staff History by Program



Circuit Court Judges Chambers	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00

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Future Outlook

Circuit Court Space – The Judicial Center Expansion project included in the County's [Capital Improvement Program](#) is an important step in addressing critical long term space needs. A dedicated courtroom for the 7th judge authorized by the 2022 General Assembly session was completed in February 2025. Due to caseload increases, it is reasonable to expect that the Circuit Court will meet the requirements needed to justify an 8th judge within the next few years and as early as FY28, thus making it imperative that the expansion project is expedited.

General Overview

A. 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, Circuit Court Judges Chambers' technology bill increased by \$17,497. No technology service levels are changed, and there is no impact to the technology services individual agencies currently receive.

Program Summary

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The Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, as well as appellate jurisdiction for General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court. Circuit Court in Virginia is a separate branch of government and decides the most serious cases in each jurisdiction presiding over criminal, civil, concealed handgun permits (CHPs), miscellaneous, and other cases. The 31st Judicial Circuit currently has seven full-time judges.

Key Measures	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Adopted
Annual criminal disposition percentage	71%	74%	84%	75%	79%
Annual civil and CHPs disposition percentage	91%	93%	93%	93%	94%
Annual miscellaneous and other disposition percentage	57%	59%	69%	65%	68%
Total average annual disposition rate	81%	84%	85%	87%	88%
Annual clearance rates	79%	82%	87%	89%	89%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Adopted
Court Case Docket Management and Administrative Support	\$1,739	\$1,655	\$1,976	\$2,098	\$2,141
Cases per Circuit Court Judge	3,475	3,580	3,600	3,625	3,675
Cost per case concluded	\$69	\$71	\$78	\$73	\$83