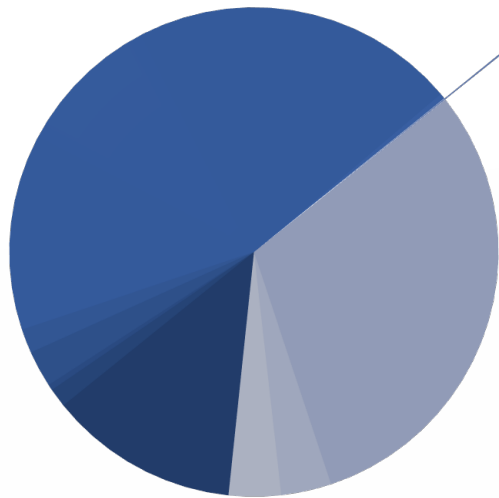


# Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court

## 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.



Safe & Secure Community  
**Expenditure Budget: \$500,829,428**

**Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$783,995**

*0.2% of Safe & Secure Community*

### Programs:

- Local Support: \$783,995

## 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	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	% Change Budget FY24/ Budget FY25
Local Support Program	\$248,904	\$219,574	\$465,780	\$498,583	\$783,995	57.24%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$248,904</b>	<b>\$219,574</b>	<b>\$465,780</b>	<b>\$498,583</b>	<b>\$783,995</b>	<b>57.24%</b>

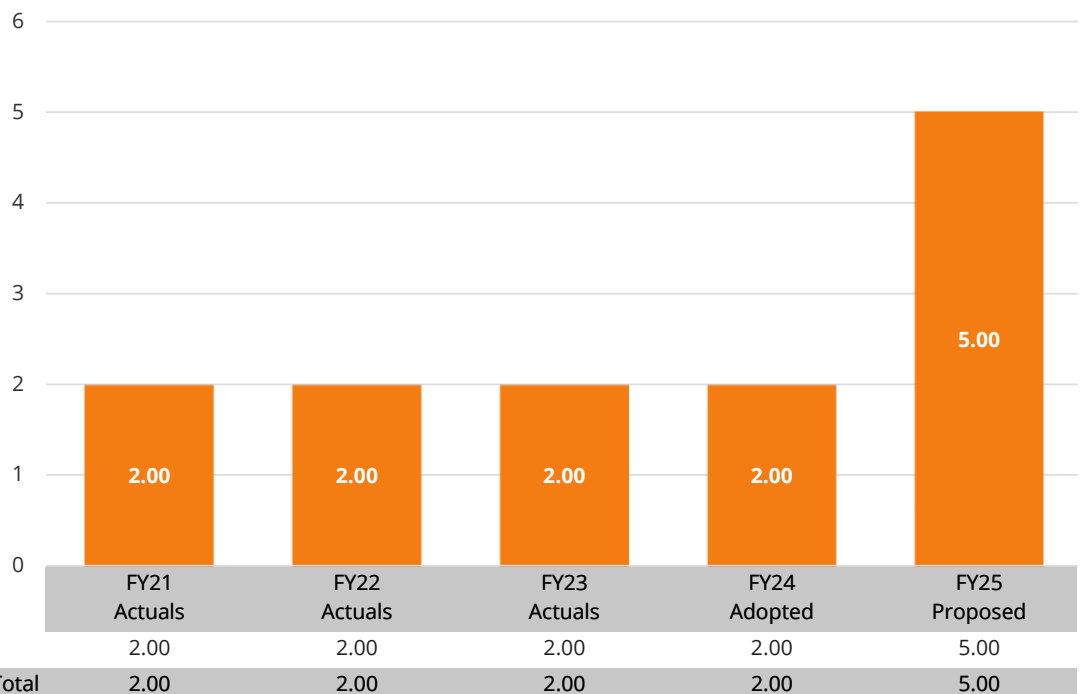
### Expenditure by Classification

Salaries & Benefits	\$132,606	\$121,658	\$333,345	\$381,281	\$641,212	68.17%
Contractual Services	\$11,597	\$14,368	\$14,047	\$10,939	\$10,939	0.00%
Internal Services	\$30,299	\$30,299	\$43,947	\$32,923	\$32,923	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$60,093	\$43,405	\$61,200	\$55,100	\$80,581	46.25%
Leases & Rentals	\$14,309	\$9,844	\$13,241	\$19,000	\$19,000	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$660)	(\$660)	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$248,904</b>	<b>\$219,574</b>	<b>\$465,780</b>	<b>\$498,583</b>	<b>\$783,995</b>	<b>57.24%</b>

### Funding Sources

Fines & Forfeitures	\$5,743	\$14,084	\$17,319	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%
Use of Money & Property	\$973	\$810	\$945	\$731	\$731	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$76	\$63	\$8	\$0	\$0	-
Charges for Services	\$784	\$477	\$538	\$0	\$0	-
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$21,204	\$25,000	17.90%
<b>Total Designated Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$27,576</b>	<b>\$35,435</b>	<b>\$38,809</b>	<b>\$46,935</b>	<b>\$50,731</b>	<b>8.09%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>\$221,328</b>	<b>\$184,139</b>	<b>\$426,971</b>	<b>\$451,648</b>	<b>\$733,264</b>	<b>62.35%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>88.92%</b>	<b>83.86%</b>	<b>91.67%</b>	<b>90.59%</b>	<b>93.53%</b>	

## Staff History by Program



# Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court

## Future Outlook

**Resources for Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court (JDRC)** – During the FY24 budget process the JDRC expressed a dire need for additional diverse language resources. The Judicial Center has one state paid Interpreter position. This position has remained a hard to fill position, due to workload and salary challenges. The Interpreter position services all three Courts, the Constitutional Offices and other state agencies working in the Judicial Center. In addition, the population and caseload has increased, justifying the need for an additional judge. The Virginia Supreme Court has recommended an additional judge to the General Assembly. This addition will create the need for additional resources, and in turn provide better service to residents and prevent a backlog of cases.

## 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 FY2025 Budget for 25 state employees. The local salary supplement is \$228,385 which is a \$8,385 increase from FY24 based on an 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.

## Budget Initiatives

### A. Budget Initiatives

#### 1. Staffing Support for 6<sup>th</sup> JDRC Judge – Local Support Program

Expenditure	\$154,139
Revenue	\$0
General Fund Impact	\$154,139
FTE Positions	2.00

**a. Description** – JDRC is recommended by the Virginia Supreme Court to receive an additional judge in July 2024 which addresses current caseload demand including increases in mental commitments, domestic violence, and specialty cases. This initiative funds two Deputy Clerk positions to assist the Judge who will be funded by the Commonwealth. The initiative total includes \$145,039 in ongoing and \$9,100 in one-time funding.

**b. Service Level Impacts** – Existing service levels are maintained.

#### 2. Language Interpreter – Local Support Program

Expenditure	\$99,901
Revenue	\$0
General Fund Impact	\$99,901
FTE Positions	1.00

**a. Description** – The JDRC serves an extremely diverse population. The County has become more diverse in the last decade, and as a result the need for language translation skills has increased. The state currently provides one interpreter position for the entire Judicial Center which does not meet the demand of the Courthouse. One full-time Interpreter position is funded to provide language support and to effectively assist in court processes and procedures. The total ongoing funds is \$98,968, for salary and benefit costs and all one-time costs, including technology, will be provided by the state.

**b. Service Level Impact** – With the population growth and increased language diversity in the County, this initiative will address needed language translations skills at the JDRC. This initiative supports the Safe and Secure Community Objective SS-1 and action strategy SS1:A in the [2021-2024 Strategic Plan](#) by providing appropriate staffing, equipment, and resources to public safety departments to ensure the highest quality of service.

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## Program Summary

### Local Support Program

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 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	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Juvenile cases concluded from prior years	7,257	6,500	9,546	7,018	7,688
Adult cases concluded from prior years	7,878	7,419	9,681	7,340	8,133

Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
<b>Juvenile Court Case Management</b>	<b>\$231</b>	<b>\$201</b>	<b>\$441</b>	<b>\$465</b>	<b>\$749</b>
New juvenile cases	6,615	6,635	9,874	6,937	7,815
Juvenile cases continued from prior years	13,957	13,971	16,495	14,537	15,001
<b>Adult Court Case Management</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>\$35</b>
New adult cases	7,164	7,581	9,428	7,369	8,126
Adult cases continued from prior years	17,900	16,902	19,394	16,898	17,731