



**ARLINGTON**  
VIRGINIA

# Circuit Court Judiciary

**COUNTY MANAGER'S  
PROPOSED FY 2023 BUDGET**

**County Board Work Session**  
Thursday, March 17, 2022  
3 – 6 p.m.

# Department Mission

To provide an independent, accessible, responsible forum for 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.

# Department Overview

- The Circuit Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction and the highest trial court in Arlington County for both civil and criminal cases.
- The Circuit Court has appellate jurisdiction over all cases from the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
- The four judges preside over criminal and civil matters, including motions, evidentiary hearings, non-jury trials, jury trials, criminal dispositions, and sentencings.



# Department Overview

- The **Drug Treatment Court** services adult defendants in the Circuit Court. All participants attend weekly substance abuse treatment sessions and are held accountable through intense supervision and monitoring as well as weekly court appearances.
- Reduced incarceration provides direct savings to the County in jail days saved.



# FY 2023 Budget Summary

	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Proposed	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	\$1,292,628	\$1,329,250	+\$36,622	+3%
<b>Revenue</b>	\$44,708	\$53,166	+\$8,458	+19%
<b>Staff</b>	10.30 FTEs	10.30 FTEs	-	

# FY 2023 Budget Changes

	FY 2023 Proposed Expense	FY 2023 Proposed Revenue	Budget Impact
<b>One-time training funds for Drug Court staff</b>	\$15,700	\$0	<b>+\$15,700</b>

# Key Budget Considerations

- Ensuring ongoing funding for annual judicial and staff trainings.
- Maintaining sufficient staffing levels to comply with Virginia Supreme Court Model Standards.
- Ensuring ongoing funding for IT upgrades to support automated workflows, including enhancing courtroom technology.
- Continue working to identify appropriate candidates and increase total capacity in the Drug Court Program



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