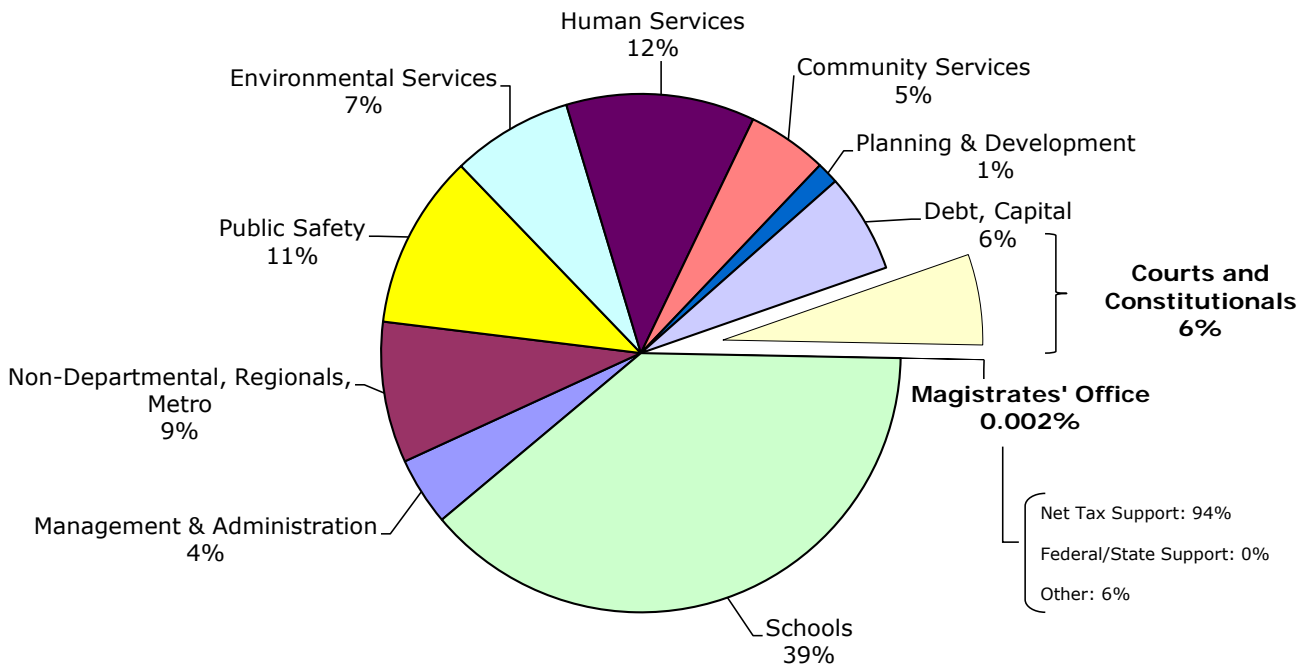


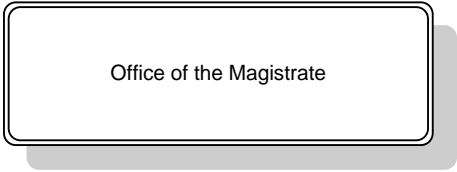
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**FY 2025 Proposed Budget - General Fund Expenditures**



**LINES OF BUSINESS**



**Office of the Magistrate**

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES**

The FY 2025 proposed expenditure budget for the Office of the Magistrate is \$30,832, no increase from the FY 2024 adopted budget. The FY 2025 proposed budget reflects:

- ↑ Fee revenue increases due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2025 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$21).

**DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Adopted	FY 2025 Proposed	% Change '24 to '25
Personnel	\$18,782	\$19,654	\$19,654	-
Non-Personnel	9,872	11,178	11,178	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>28,654</b>	<b>30,832</b>	<b>30,832</b>	<b>-</b>
Fees	1,723	1,686	1,707	1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	<b>\$26,931</b>	<b>\$29,146</b>	<b>\$29,125</b>	<b>-</b>
Permanent FTEs	-	-	-	
Temporary FTEs	-	-	-	
<b>Total Authorized FTEs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

## OFFICE OF THE MAGISTRATE

## PROGRAM MISSION

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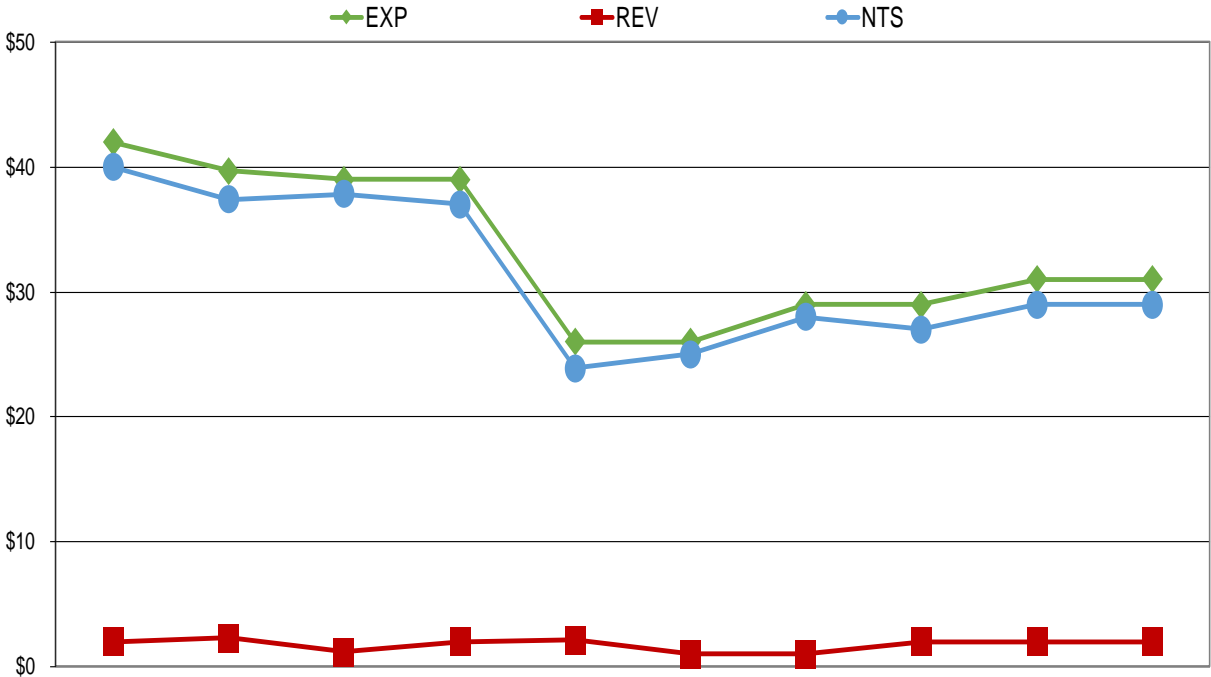
- Issue warrants for the arrest of violators of State law and County ordinances.
- Admit to bail or commit to jail all persons charged with offenses subject to the limitations and in accordance with the general laws on bail.
- Issue civil warrants, accept pre-payments of traffic summons when the Clerk’s Office is closed, and issue temporary detention orders.
- Administer oaths, take acknowledgements, and act as conservators for the peace.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Critical Measures	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Bond hearings initially determined	7,863	8,183	8,618	9,857	9,750	9,750
Miscellaneous processes	5,992	5,109	5,589	6,156	6,250	6,250
Probable cause hearings	8,472	8,797	8,218	9,315	9,150	9,150

- The number of bond hearings initially determined and probable cause hearings reflect hearings related to the General District Court, the Circuit Court, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The number of bond hearings varies annually depending on the number of people arrested, the number of charges per individual, changing legal mandates, and the permutations of bonding procedures before the courts.
- The number of miscellaneous processes includes prepayment of tickets, court appointed attorney applications, and the bail check list document that provides additional information to the courts about bonding decisions.
- The number of probable cause hearings varies annually based on the number of arrests, search warrants, mental health Emergency Custody Orders, and Temporary Detention Orders sought; Emergency Protective Order hearings held; changes in legal mandates; and citizen complaints.
- The increase in bond hearings shown in FY 2023 corresponds with an increase in probable cause hearings, some of which result in the arrest of a person or persons. The increases are based on criminal activity returning to pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, the effects of the isolation on people during the pandemic has caused an increase in mental health issues leading to more mental health commitments, more crime, and more probable cause and bond hearings. The FY 2024 and FY 2025 bond hearings are anticipated to remain at this level.

EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, AND NET TAX SUPPORT



	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Proposed Budget
<b>EXP</b>	\$42	\$40	\$39	\$39	\$26	\$26	\$29	\$29	\$31	\$31
<b>REV</b>	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$2
<b>NTS</b>	\$40	\$37	\$38	\$37	\$24	\$25	\$28	\$27	\$29	\$29

Fiscal Year	Description	FTEs
FY 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements (\$215).</li> </ul>	
FY 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No significant changes.</li> </ul>	
FY 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No significant changes.</li> </ul>	
FY 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No significant changes.</li> </ul>	
FY 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adjustment to the salary supplement and payroll taxes (\$11,446) due to a recent staff retirement.</li> <li>▪ Lower projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2020 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$656).</li> </ul>	
FY 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lower projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2021 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$660).</li> </ul>	
FY 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$680).</li> </ul>	
FY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2023 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$234).</li> </ul>	
FY 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased budget for the County’s salary supplement for eligible state employees (\$846).</li> <li>▪ Fee revenues decreased due to lower projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2024 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$37).</li> </ul>	