

Our Mission: The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington and the City of Falls Church pursues justice, broadly, on behalf of victims, defendants, and all of the members of our community. We prioritize public safety, transparency, and accountability. We strive to incorporate data-driven practices to inform our policies, while also seeking restoration by engaging with victims of crime and the community to repair harm.

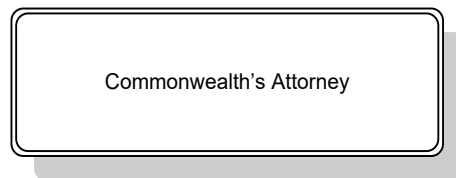
The Commonwealth's Attorney, a Constitutional Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia, is responsible for public safety in Arlington County, the City of Falls Church, and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The Commonwealth's Attorney Office reviews criminal complaints and renders legal assistance to law enforcement officers; assigns and schedules all cases and oversees their evaluation and preparation; and appears before the General District Court, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and the Circuit Court. In addition, the Office recommends eligible cases for diversion for resolution through restorative or other alternative processes and provides victim and witness support services.

The responsibilities of the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney include:

- Setting policy and priorities in order to make certain the focus, manner, and extent of prosecution decisions achieves both safety and justice for the community.
- Directing the office's resources in ways that focus on serious crimes, protect vulnerable members of the community, and support diversion and alternative programs such as drug and mental health courts and restorative justice.
- Managing, training, and supervising attorneys, interns, and staff.
- Undertaking community engagement, public education, and transparency to prevent crime and respond to community concerns.

LINE OF BUSINESS



Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES

The FY 2027 adopted expenditure budget for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney is \$8,105,911, a six percent increase from the FY 2026 adopted budget. The FY 2027 adopted budget reflects:

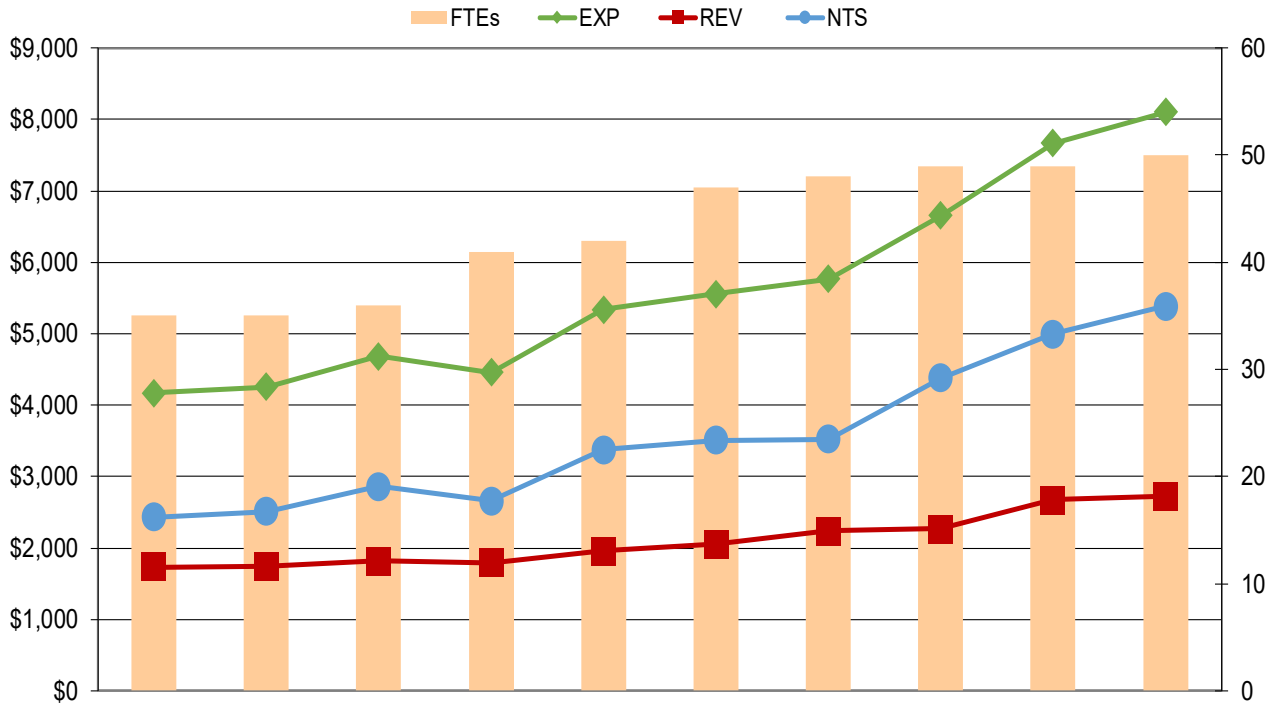
- The County Board added ongoing funding for the conversion of a Paralegal position into a Paralegal Supervisor (\$50,000) and ongoing funding for restorative justice services (\$150,000).

- ↑ Personnel increases due to employee salary increases, the addition of a Director of Community Engagement position (\$139,928, 1.0 FTE), an increase in the County's cost for employee health insurance, and retirement contributions based on current actuarial projections.
- ↑ Non-personnel increases due to increases in grant funding from the Department of Justice for the BJA Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program (\$30,007), contractual increases (\$8,985), adjustments to the annual expense for maintenance and replacement of County vehicles (\$2,981), and additional funding for Restorative Justice noted above, partially offset by the removal of FY 2026 one-time funding for Temporary Communications staffing (\$100,000).
- ↑ Fee revenues increase due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2027 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$24,124).
- ↑ Federal revenues increase due to the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program grant funding (\$30,007).

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Adopted	% Change '26 to '27
Personnel	\$6,272,413	\$7,151,962	\$7,495,856	5%
Non-Personnel	380,758	518,082	610,055	18%
Total Expenditures	6,653,171	7,670,044	8,105,911	6%
Fees	272,680	276,876	301,000	9%
State	1,961,633	2,166,760	2,166,760	-
Federal	34,679	227,475	257,482	13%
Total Revenues	2,268,992	2,671,111	2,725,242	2%
Net Tax Support	\$4,384,179	\$4,998,933	\$5,380,669	8%
Permanent FTEs	49.00	49.00	50.00	
Temporary FTEs	-	-	-	
Total Authorized FTEs	49.00	49.00	50.00	

EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, NET TAX SUPPORT, AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT TRENDS



	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Adopted Budget	FY 2027 Adopted Budget
EXP	\$4,167	\$4,258	\$4,686	\$4,457	\$5,337	\$5,555	\$5,764	\$6,653	\$7,670	\$8,106
REV	\$1,731	\$1,743	\$1,821	\$1,794	\$1,961	\$2,050	\$2,239	\$2,269	\$2,671	\$2,725
NTS	\$2,436	\$2,515	\$2,865	\$2,663	\$3,376	\$3,505	\$3,525	\$4,384	\$4,999	\$5,381
FTEs	35.00	35.00	36.00	41.00	42.00	47.00	48.00	49.00	49.00	50.00

Fiscal Year	Description	FTEs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replaced one-time funding with ongoing funding for the five positions (three paralegals and two attorneys) added in the FY 2023 adopted budget to support the continued implementation of body worn cameras. ▪ Added one-time funding for \$2,000 (gross) employee bonuses (\$116,928). ▪ Increased grant revenue due to an increase in State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$141,534). ▪ Increased fee revenue due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2024 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$55,308). 	
FY 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added a conviction review attorney (\$150,000). ▪ The County Board added ongoing funding for the Director of Restorative Justice (\$85,358). ▪ Added funding for the legal and judicial job family studies (\$63,994). ▪ State grant revenues increased due to an increase in State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$101,400), partially offset by a decrease in the Victim Witness Grant program (\$19,303). ▪ <i>In FY 2024 closeout, the County Board accepted and appropriated from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Victim Witness Grant (\$19,303) to align the County's FY 2025 adopted grant budget with the grantor's FY 2025 award.</i> ▪ <i>In December 2024, the County Board accepted the U.S. Department of Justice's BJA Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program grant (\$1,000,000) and appropriated (\$227,475) for year one to support the Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) Diversion program development and expansion.</i> 	1.00
FY 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added ongoing funding for the conversion of a Commonwealth Attorney III position into a Commonwealth Attorney Deputy (\$84,000). ▪ The County Board added one-time funding for Temporary Communications staffing (\$100,000). ▪ Non-personnel expenses and grant revenue increased due to Department of Justice for the BJA Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program grant funding (\$227,475). ▪ Increased fee revenue due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2025 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$16,707). ▪ State grant revenues increased due to an increase in State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$69,900). ▪ <i>In FY 2025 closeout, the County Board accepted and appropriated from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Victim Witness Grant (\$12,121) to align the County's FY 2026 adopted grant budget with the grantor's FY 2026 award.</i> ▪ <i>In FY 2025 closeout, the County Board accepted and appropriated from the U.S. Department of Justice's BJA Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program grant (\$27,328) to align the County's FY 2026 adopted grant budget with the grantor's year two award funding for FY 2026.</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>In FY 2025 closeout, an additional \$21,808 in one-time Compensation Board revenue was appropriated for the 1.5 percent bonus for constitutional officers and employees approved by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly.</i> 	
FY 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added ongoing funding for the conversion of a Paralegal position into a Paralegal Supervisor (\$50,000). ▪ The County Board added ongoing funding for restorative justice services (\$150,000). ▪ Added a Director of Community Engagement position (\$139,928). ▪ Non-personnel expenses and grant revenue increased due to Department of Justice for the BJA Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program grant funding (\$30,007). ▪ Increased fee revenue due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2027 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$24,124). 	1.00