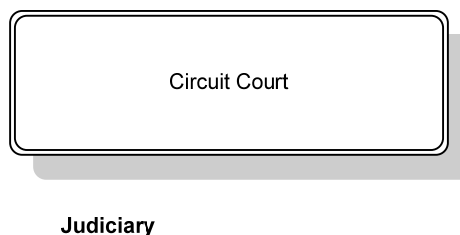


Our Mission: To Provide an Independent, Accessible, Responsive Forum for Just Resolution of Disputes in Order to Preserve the Rule of Law and to Protect All Rights and Liberties Guaranteed by the United States and Virginia Constitutions.

The 17th Judicial Circuit is comprised of three judges with jurisdiction over Arlington County and the City of the Falls Church. The Circuit Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction and the highest court in the County for both civil and criminal cases, and touches all aspects of life. The Circuit Court has jurisdiction concerning civil claims exceeding \$4,500, with exclusive original jurisdiction for claims exceeding \$25,000. The Circuit Court also has jurisdiction over all equity related matters, which include, but not limited to divorce, child custody, child and spousal support and maintenance, guardianship, conservatorship, and disputes concerning wills and estates. Additionally, the court has jurisdiction over all civil cases appealed from the General District Court. The appellate jurisdiction is de novo, which means that notwithstanding a final civil judgment in the General District Court, once the case is appealed to the Circuit Court, there is a new or de novo trial in the Circuit Court, as if the trial below never occurred.

Regarding criminal cases, the Circuit Court has original jurisdiction over all felonies (offenses that may be punished by commitment to the state penitentiary) and those misdemeanors (offenses carrying a penalty of not more than 12 months in jail) originally charged in Circuit Court, plus all misdemeanor cases, criminal bond motions and traffic cases previously adjudicated by the General District Court, but appealed to the Circuit Court. Additionally, the Circuit Court has jurisdiction over juveniles aged 15 years and older who are charged with felonies and whose cases have been certified by a Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for trial in Circuit Court, and all properly appealed cases previously adjudicated by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

LINES OF BUSINESS



SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES

The FY 2015 adopted expenditure budget for the Circuit Court is \$620,871, a 38 percent increase from the FY 2014 adopted budget. The budget reflects:

- ↑ The County Board added funding for a part-time Administrative Assistant (\$21,752, 0.5 FTE).
- ↑ The County Board added one-time funding for travel and training and office supplies (\$17,500).

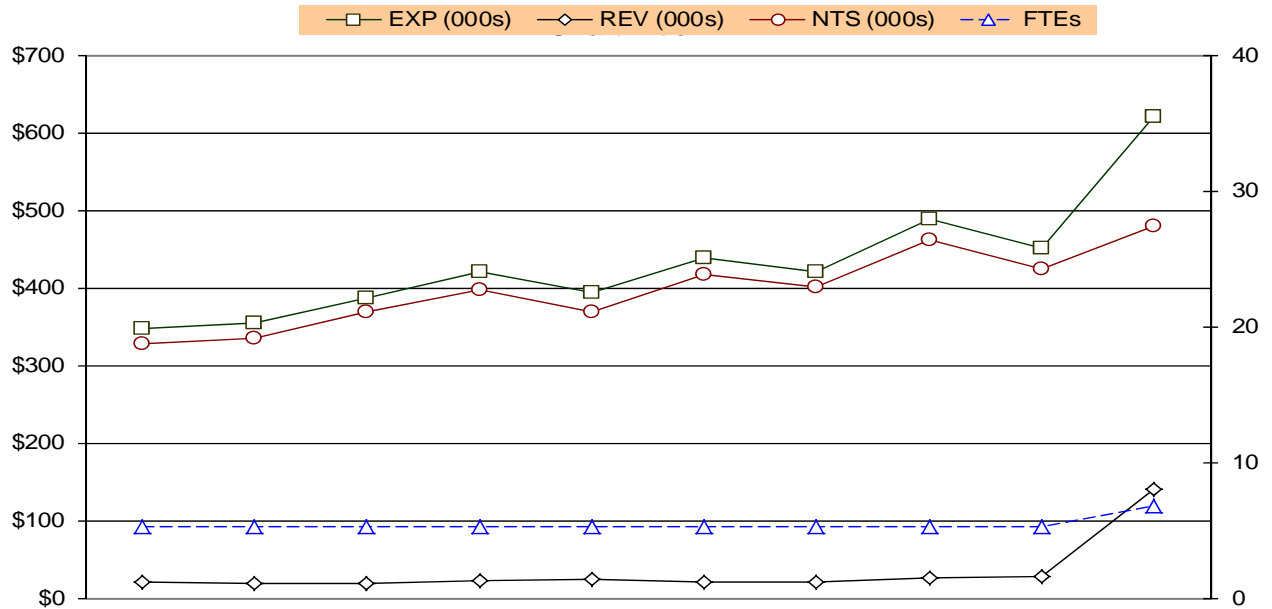
- ↑ Personnel increases due to employee step increases, a 7.5 percent increase in the County's cost for employee health insurance, adjustments to retirement contributions based on current actuarial projections, and the addition of a limited term grant funded Drug Court Coordinator (\$89,495, 1.0 FTE) funded by a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant to facilitate program operations for the Arlington County Drug Court.
- ↑ Non-personnel increases \$22,907 for operating supplies and miscellaneous costs funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant for the Arlington County Drug Court.
- ↑ Fee revenue increases due to higher projections in Falls Church reimbursements based on the FY 2015 budget and reconciliation of prior year payments with actual expenditures (\$1,626).
- ↑ Grant revenue increases due to the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant for the Arlington County Drug Court (\$112,402).
- The Circuit Court is being established as a separate department for FY 2015 and is no longer combined with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Adopted	FY 2015 Adopted	% Change '14 to '15
Personnel	\$448,415	\$419,714	\$548,892	31%
Non-Personnel	40,272	31,572	71,979	128%
Total Expenditures	488,687	451,286	620,871	38%
Fees	26,498	26,738	28,364	6%
Grants	-	-	112,402	-
Total Revenues	26,498	26,738	140,766	426%
Net Tax Support	\$462,189	\$424,548	\$480,105	13%
Permanent FTEs	5.00	5.00	6.50	
Temporary FTEs	0.30	0.30	0.30	
Total Authorized FTEs	5.30	5.30	6.80	

Note: For comparative purposes, prior to FY 2015 the expense and revenue associated with the Clerk of the Circuit Court has been excluded. For FY 2015, the Circuit Court is established as a separate department.

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



	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2015 Adopted Budget
EXP (000s)	\$348	\$355	\$386	\$420	\$394	\$438	\$421	\$489	\$451	\$621
REV (000s)	\$21	\$19	\$18	\$22	\$25	\$21	\$20	\$26	\$27	\$141
NTS (000s)	\$327	\$335	\$369	\$398	\$369	\$417	\$401	\$462	\$424	\$480
FTEs	5.3	5.3	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	6.80

Note: For comparative purposes, prior to FY 2015, the expense and revenue associated with the Clerk of the Circuit Court has been excluded. For FY 2015, the Circuit Court has been established as a separate department.

Fiscal Year*	Description	FTEs
	partially offset decreases in State grant reimbursements (\$40,000).	
FY 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added funding for a one percent one-time lump sum payment for employees at the top step. ▪ Added funding for maintenance and support fees for the audio/video recording system installed in the courts (\$45,000) and for day forward redaction of social security and other sensitive information from court records (\$57,000). ▪ Increased revenues in Falls Church reimbursements (\$57,227) and State reimbursements for technology (\$55,000) partially offset by a decrease in the State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$19,710) and court fines (\$3,000). 	
FY 2013	<p>The County Board added funding for replacement of the land record system (\$450,000 one-time funding, \$70,000 ongoing funding), partially offset with \$70,000 in anticipated new fee revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added funding for an electronic court records system (\$326,000 one-time funding, \$95,000 ongoing funding), partially offset with \$40,000 in anticipated new fee revenue. ▪ The County Board added one-time funding for a Jury Coordinator position (\$79,000 one-time funding). ▪ A limited term position was eliminated. ▪ Falls Church revenue decreased (\$13,068). ▪ Decreases are included for State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$4,900) and Technology Trust Fund grant funding (\$6,000). 	<p>1.0</p> <p>(1.0)</p>
FY 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added ongoing funding for a Jury Coordinator / Information Clerk position (\$80,378). ▪ Eliminated FY 2013 one-time funding for a Jury Coordinator / Information Clerk position (\$79,000). ▪ Eliminated FY 2013 one-time funding for replacement of the land records system (\$450,000) and electronic court records system (\$326,000). ▪ Fee revenue decreased for the land records (\$70,000). ▪ Fee revenues increased for reimbursement to the locality of excess copy fees (\$14,000) and interest on criminal fees (\$3,000). ▪ Fee revenues increased for Falls Church reimbursements (\$4,131). ▪ Grant revenues increased for State Compensation Board reimbursements (\$66,460). ▪ Reduced contractual maintenance for microfilm equipment (\$8,960). ▪ Eliminated non-personnel funding in the Clerk's Office for equipment purchase (\$15,104). 	<p>1.0</p> <p>(1.0)</p>
FY 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Board added funding for a part-time Administrative Assistant (\$21,752). 	<p>0.5</p>

CIRCUIT COURT
TEN-YEAR HISTORY

Fiscal Year*	Description	FTEs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The County Board added one-time funding for travel and training supplies (\$17,500).▪ Added a limited term grant funded Drug Court Coordinator (\$89,495) funded by a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.▪ Added (\$22,907) for operating supplies and miscellaneous costs funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.▪ Fall Church revenue increased (\$1,626).▪ Grant revenue increased due to a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant (\$112,402).	1.0

**Note: The ten-year history through FY 2014 includes the Clerk of the Circuit Court. For FY 2015, the Circuit Court Judicial Chambers has been established as a separate department.*