

Department of Probation

2024 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

In Criminal Court:

- Community supervision of high, medium and low risk offenders
- Specialized supervision units for Sex Offenders, Domestic Violence, DWI, Mental Health, High Impact, DTATI (Drug Treatment)
- Dedicated probation officer for Veterans' Court and Felony Drug Court
- Victim's Assistance outreach to support victims through safety planning, impact statement preparation and court appearances
- Restitution collection and disbursement to crime victims
- Preparation of pre-sentence investigations for all criminal courts in Westchester

Core Programs & Functions cont'd

In Family Court:

- Assist petitioners/victims with requests for Orders of Protection, Child Support, Custody and Visitation, Writs, PINS Warrants
- Prepare pre-disposition investigations for all Family Courts
- Conduct Custody, Adoption and Guardianship investigations
- Work with community partners to adjust cases to reduce placements of juveniles and adolescents, which produces better outcomes for children and families
- Supervise Raise the Age youth (16-17)
- Officer assigned to work in the adolescent court (Youth Part) to facilitate voluntary case assessment and planning services
- Restitution collection and disbursement

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Operating Positions	198	198
Trust Positions	0	0
TOTAL POSITIONS	198	198
Personal Service	18,633,253	19,844,644
Equipment	287,813	85,067
Materials & Supplies	328,320	305,038
Contractual Expenses	26,337,994	24,371,563
Inter-Departmental Charges	4,843,667	5,089,563
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,431,047	49,695,875

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Inter-Departmental Revenue	0	0
Departmental Revenue	250,000	427,000
State & Federal Aid	24,151,919	23,714,062
TOTAL REVENUE	24,401,919	24,141,062
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	26,029,128	25,554,813

New Initiatives & Highlights

- The Department has received a significant increase in DCJS Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) funding from \$85,760 to \$393,000 for programs to combat gang and gun violence.
- Individuals identified as gang-involved or who are known to have possessed firearms pose the greatest risk to residents. GIVE funding has historically allowed Probation to significantly increase the level of supervision expended over these individuals.
- With the additional GIVE funds, Probation has:
 - An Anti-Violence Coordinator (contract)
 - Expanded the use of electronic monitoring to include all gang and gun-related cases for the first six months of supervision
 - Enhanced Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) for the gang and gun-involved cases to include residence checks
 - Focused on community outreach, by initiating immediate responses into affected neighborhoods within Yonkers or Mount Vernon, where gunshots have been fired.
 - Enhanced coordination and information sharing among the District Attorney's office, Yonkers and Mt. Vernon PD, County PD, and Probation also contributes to enhanced public safety.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Moving forward with efforts to add pre-employment physical fitness requirements for Probation Officer Trainees
- Working with the NYS Dormitory Authority, Office of Children and Family Services and Commission of Corrections on the planning of a new therapeutically designed juvenile detention facility
- DWI Officers completed “Street Surveillance Techniques” training to allow for more effective surveillance of DWI offenders
- Utilized opioid funds to purchase a TruNarc™ handheld narcotics analyzer to field test unknown substances