

MISSION - The Commonwealth's Attorney is an elected official authorized by the State Constitution, and is responsible for the prosecution of all violations of State law in the County and the City of Williamsburg. Special emphasis over the last few years has been to aid victims/witnesses through the legal process by better educating them about the court processes and keeping them up to date and consistently informed on their cases to make the process as easy on them as possible. The County and City supplement the State approved budget of this office for both salaries and office expenses.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 96 <u>Budget</u>	FY 97 <u>Budget</u>
Personnel	\$326,257	\$381,977
Operating	30,512	47,227
Capital	0	0
Received from Williamsburg	<u>(46,489)</u>	<u>(72,282)</u>
Total	<u>\$310,280</u>	<u>\$356,922</u>

PERSONNEL

Full-time Personnel	6	7
Part-time Personnel	0	0

BUDGET COMMENTS

Expenditures for this office increase by 15 percent over FY 96. Additional funds are included to replace a reduction in Federal Grant monies for the Victim's Assistance Program. At the present time, the County and the City of Williamsburg share this agency's costs on a 60-40 percent basis. Court cases are forecasted to increase during FY 97. A locally funded Assistant Commonwealth Attorney position is included, as are funds to lease additional office space, both to accommodate a surge of new activity. The new position may be partially financed by the State Compensation Board, as was the case in FY 96, when the State paid for half of a temporary position.