

***SERVICE***

This budget provides for the County's contribution to the Williamsburg-James City County Health Department, a State agency with shared funding. The department offers a wide range of preventive, diagnostic, and rehabilitative medical and health services to all County residents, regardless of age, sex, race, or income whenever the need arises. The following Clinics are held regularly - Family Planning, General Medical, Immunization, Maternity, Pediatrics, Senior Citizen Medical Exams, and Venereal Disease. Services for Crippled Children, Medicaid screening for Eyeglasses and Medical Supplies, Free Medicaid Examinations and Tuberculosis care are also provided. Nurses provide Home Care following hospitalization and for home-bound patients. Sanitarians inspect all eating establishments, train all food handlers, supervise the installation and proper operation of septic tanks, inspect housing, and provide rabies surveillance for all animal bites. Local funds are also used to provide other clinical services. For FY 96, the clinical services that in prior periods were provided by the Health Department will be provided for the second year by a not-for-profit corporation, Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation. The Health Department will provide those health services that are mandated to include immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, dental, and environmental health services. The Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation is funded by local jurisdictions, the local hospital, local businesses and the State Health Department. The recent initiative is staffed by volunteer physicians and paid administrative and nursing staff. The Corporation focuses on family practice to low-income families who have no or limited access for their health care needs. Local funds are also used to primarily provide prenatal care.

***BUDGET SUMMARY***

	FY 96 <u>Budget</u>	FY 97 <u>Budget</u>
Public Health Contribution	\$198,212	\$177,296
Local Effort - Insurance	1,173	1,173
Williamsburg Medical Assistance Corp	<u>150,000</u>	<u>170,916</u>
Total Public Health	<u>\$349,385</u>	<u>\$349,385</u>

***BUDGET COMMENTS***

The funding for public health reflects the County's utilization of the regional Public Health Department, and Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation (WAMAC). The County's contribution to the Public Health Department will have some State matching funds that will provide revenue for WAMAC directly from the Public Health Department. The County will provide operating revenue to WAMAC, with a portion of this revenue used to reimburse the County for the use of the County's Human Services Building as their operations center. The County has realized the benefits of the WAMAC initiative as local required funding for the Health Department decreased over the past two years. Overall, the County's contribution to its Public Health effort will remain level in FY 97.