

Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Question: How many people have been directed to treatment via Diversion First since the program began? How much money has been spent by the Sheriff's Office to implement Diversion First to date?

Response:

A total of 778 people have been directed to treatment via Diversion First since the program began. This number includes the total for the Sheriff's Office and the Fairfax County Police Department. As the program is still new, the Sheriff's Office continues working with the Police Department and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board to closely monitor its impact since the implementation of Diversion First. A total of approximately \$1.3 million has been spent on Diversion First to date; it is estimated that \$1.6 million will be spent by the end of FY 2018. In FY 2016, the Sheriff's Office began using existing resources to supplement newly appropriated Diversion First funding for programs and services such as mental health training, mental health transports to state hospitals, mobile crisis units, and more. The figures below represent the Sheriff's Office funding that is estimated to be spent by the end of FY 2018; it does not include any spending by other agencies.

Item/Program	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Total
Mental Health / First Aid Training	\$93,936	\$72,048	\$70,224	\$236,208
Crisis Intervention Training		\$88,557	\$74,491	\$163,048
Mental Health Transports to State Hospitals	\$28,804	\$67,564	\$163,856	\$260,224
Staffing to Support MCRC	\$11,384	\$218,622	\$639,382	\$869,388
Misc. Operating Expenses		\$67,009	\$3,082	\$70,091
Total	\$134,124	\$513,800	\$951,035	\$1,598,959