

# Grants & Court Programs

Budget Retreat  
January 2024



# Current Court Programs Funded By Grants

## **Federal (2)**

Family Treatment Court &  
Parenting Program

Family Visitation Services

## **State (1)**

Family Violence Prevention  
Services

# Agenda

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Family Treatment Court &  
Parenting Program (Federal)

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Family Visitation Services  
(Federal)

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Family Violence  
Prevention Services  
(State)

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Looking Forward

# Federally Funded Programs (2)

Family Treatment Court, Parenting Program & Family Visitation  
Services



# Family Treatment Court & Parenting Program

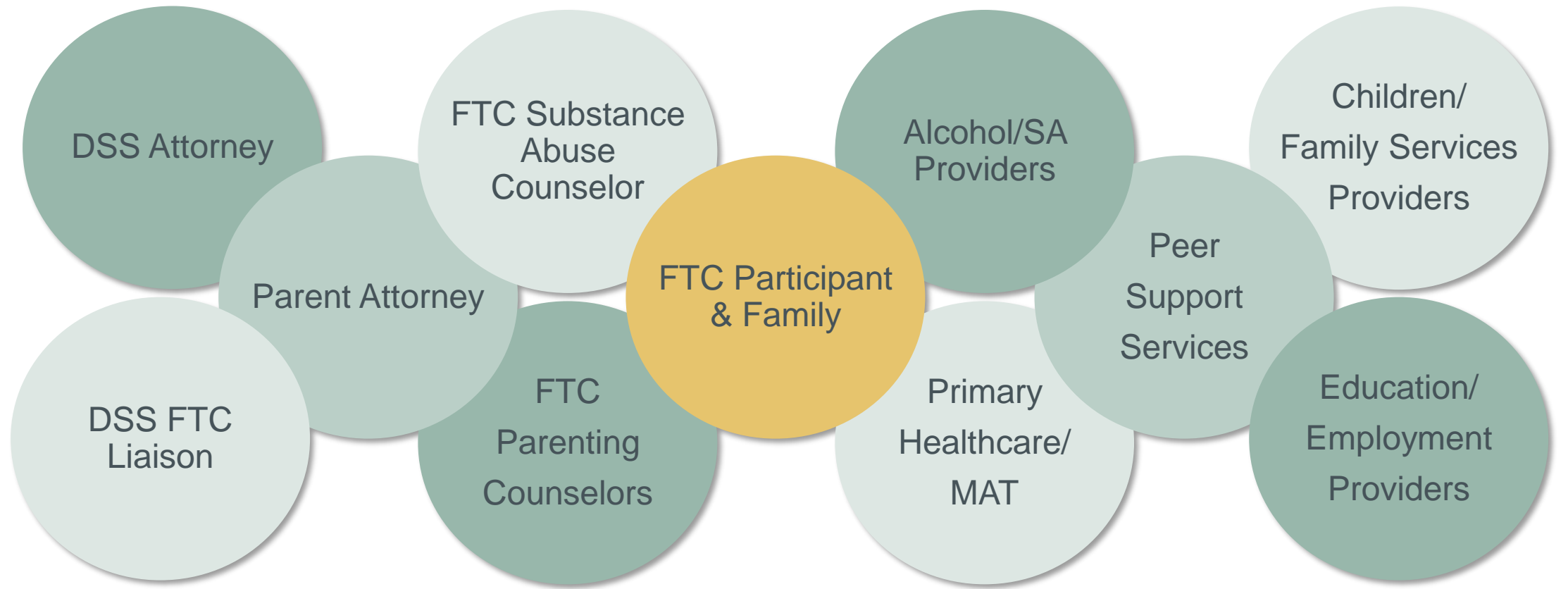
FTC & Parenting Program



FTC

## About the Program

Chatham County Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a **federally funded** court designed to provide **wraparound** treatment and support services to parents or guardians with substance addictions whose children are in DSS custody, with the **goal of parent-child reunification in a safe and sober home**. The Parenting Program utilizes the Nurturing Parenting evidenced model based on psycho-educational and cognitive-behavioral approaches to learning.



# Wraparound Service Model

FTC

## More About the Program

CFTC will assist participants with reducing the frequency and duration of relapses while increasing the duration of their sobriety and life skills.

In addition, it is the Court's goal to reduce the number of cases where parental rights are terminated and strive to increase public safety and provide support to individuals/families with serious substance abuse disorders who enter the dependent neglect system.

The program is committed to focusing resources, training, and expertise on the unique needs of the entire family. We want to help parents overcome various barriers and obstacles required to reunify with their children.

**There is no fee for this service.**



FTC

# Program Goals

1. **Reduce recidivism** and increase stability for CFTC participants.
2. **Treatment** will be conducted in a coordinated approach.
3. **Encourage enhanced wellness** of individuals and families.
4. **Provide transparent communication** to participants and their families, service providers, and support systems.
5. **Operate under structured and organized principles** governed by the Policies and Procedures, Participant Handbook, and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between agencies.
6. **Instill a sense of belonging to our participants.**

# Program Activities

- **Coordinate the utilization of community-based services** to service the family such as health and mental health services, victims' services, housing, transportation, education, vocational training, job skills training, and placement to provide a strong foundation for recovery.
- **Conduct eligibility screenings** and **create comprehensive service plans.**
- **Conduct drug screenings** on participants.
- **Provide evidenced-based curriculum** to help parents learn "re-parenting", which is replacing old destructive patterns with new behaviors.
- **Demonstrate to parents how long-term dysfunctional patterns of behavior require long-term interventions.** Change is evolutionary, not revolutionary.
- **Provide recovery support.**
- **Provide transportation** to FTC and parenting participants to court, treatment, substance-use screening, and recovery support activities.

# FTC

**2019**

Submitted OJJDP Federal Grant to Establish Chatham Family Treatment Court for \$750,000 over 3 years (Awarded \$920,000)

**2020**

Established FTC and began to provide wrap around services to individuals/families working with DSS

**2023**

Applied for a one-year no cost extension and received approval (Service Delay Due to COVID)

**2024**

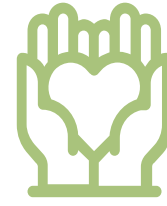
OJJDP Grant due to end September 2024 (FY 25)



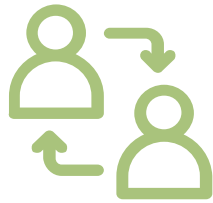
**215** Individuals Served  
**100%** Received therapeutic family services



**48** Individuals received services to improve mental health  
**60%** Showed Improvement



**52** Individuals received services for substance misuse  
**92%** Reduced Use or Abstained from Drug Use



**86** Families received services to improve their family's functioning  
**58%** Showed improvement



**27** Individuals received services to improve school engagement  
**78%** Showed improvement



**42** Individuals received services to improve their job skills  
**88%** Showed improvement

# FY23 Highlights

# FTC | Grant Overview

Award

FY 24

FY 25

## Award Term: 4 years

10/1/20 – 9/30/24

Three with one year extension.

## Grant Budget: \$1,160,000

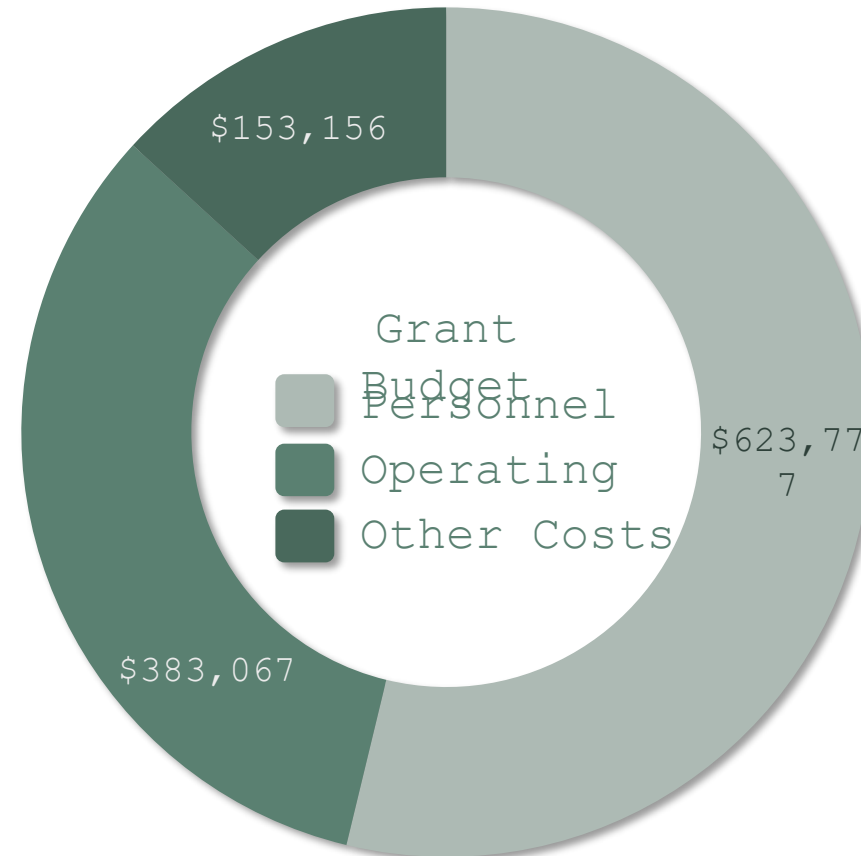
Federal Share: \$870,000 (75%)

Match Share: \$290,000 (25%)

## Grant Funded Positions: 2

Parenting Educator (100% FT)

Substance Abuse Counselor (100% FT)



## Current Spending Progress

Grant currently **58%** spent as of Dec. FY 24.

By FY 24 end, approximately **70-80%** spent.

## FY 24 Projected Cost & Reimbursement

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$268,559**

Projected Reimbursement: **\$238,193**

Approximately **89%** grant funded.

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## **Projected Spending**

The grant term ends in the first quarter of FY25 (September 2024), however at current spending patterns continue, the grant may need an extension. If allowed by the grantor, grant coverage may continue until the third quarter (March 2025).

## **Projected Expense & Reimbursement**

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$275,908**

Projected Reimbursement: **\$60,280**

*Estimate based on grant ending September 2025.*

**County would need to cover an additional quarter without grant reimbursement totaling \$215,628.**

# Family Visitation Services

FVS





FVS

## Program Overview

Family Visitation Services of Chatham County provides a safe and comfortable environment for supervised visits and monitored exchanges of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking. The program is **federally funded** through the Office of Judicial Programs and Violence Against Women Office.

## Location & Fees

**Location:** The primary visitation center is in **downtown Pittsboro** and includes **three furnished visitation rooms** that are family-friendly and equipped with toys and activities for families.

**Fees:** There is **no fee** for county residents. There are just eight supervised visitation centers in NC, and Chatham is one of the two centers that does not charge fees.

FVS

## Program Goals

1. **Enhance the safety of victims and their children by providing supervised visitation and safe exchange** of children and youth by and between parents in situations involving DV, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.
2. **Enhance the safety of victims by providing civil legal assistance to DV victims.**

FVS

# Program Activities

- Attend weekly DV court and other hearings as needed by victims
- Provide visitation and exchange services
- Provide civil legal advocacy to victims of DV or sexual assault
- Collaborate community partners to ensure clients are provided with proper advocacy and support in the civil justice system
- Coordinate with clients and attorneys to provide civil legal representation.
- Provide support and advocacy for victims seeking protective orders and court information
- Provide safety planning and community referrals to victims as requested
- Conduct outreach activities

# FVS

**2003**

Start of Family Visitation Services program made possible by a federal OVW Safe Havens grant.

**2016**

Family Visitation Services also funded by GCC NCDPS state grant.

**2017**

Family Visitation Services funded by a different federal grant - Justice for Families (only 23 awards a year are given out across the country)

**2022**

Last iteration of GCC NCDPS award ends, only Justice for Families award remains.

**2024**

Justice for Families grant due to end September 2024 (FY 25).



**963** Supervised  
Visits & Exchanges



Training for  
Judicial Officials



Snapshot: 1/23-6/23  
**24** Families Served



Referrals to Community  
Resources



Legal Representation  
for **22** Child Custody  
Cases

# Highlights

# FVS | Grant Overview

Award

FY 24

FY 25

## Award Term: 3 Years

10/2/21 - 9/30/24

## Grant Budget: \$549,654

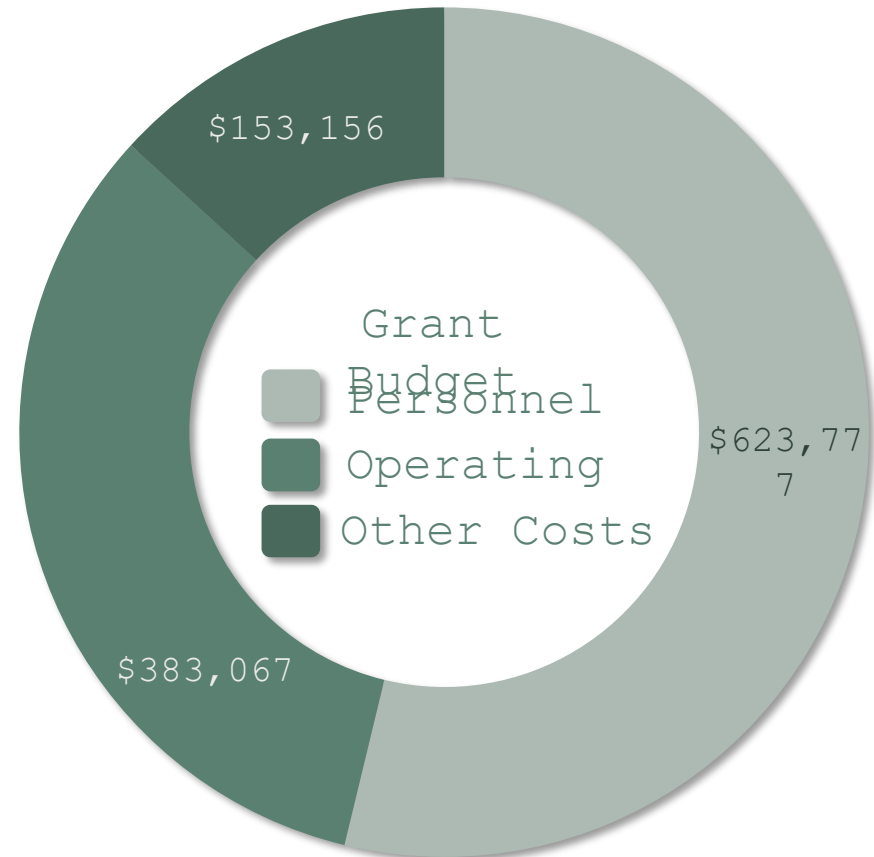
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## Grant Funded Positions:

Project Director (75% FT)

2 Visitation Supervisors (PT)

Admin Assistant (PT)



# FVS | Current FY

Award

**FY 24**

FY 25

## Current Spending Progress

Grant currently **53%** spent as of December 2024.

By FY 24 end, approximately **70–75%** spent.

## Projected Expense & Reimbursement

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$207,794**

Projected Reimbursement: **\$193,970**

Approximately **93%** grant funded.

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## **Projected Spending**

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## **Projected Expense & Reimbursement**

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$213,745**

Projected Reimbursement: **\$50,490**

*Estimate based on grant ending September 2025.*

**County would need to cover an additional three quarters without grant reimbursement totaling \$163,255.**

# State Funded Programs (1)

Family Violence Prevention Services



# Family Violence Prevention Services

FVPS



## About the Program

County advocates provide services for domestic violence victims/survivors and their families.

### **Services include:**

- Assistance and accompaniment with protective orders at the Courthouse
- Access and referrals to community resources
- Safety planning and advocacy for survivors and their families
- Assistance with transportation, emergency shelter, child custody and mental health services
- Spanish speaking support group in Siler City
- Individual and group educational programs

## Location & Fees

**Location:** Services are provided by advocates fluent in English and Spanish on weekdays, located in the Justice Center in Pittsboro. 40 E. Chatham St, Room 2401.

**Fees:** There is **no fee** for this service.

## Program Goals

1. **Inform and advise all clients** of court/legal options and assist in DVPO filings.
2. **Develop individual safety plans** for each client and refer them to appropriate community resources
3. **Provide community outreach services**, including weekly support groups for victims/survivors in English and Spanish, attend community activities, and work with community partners to promote the advocacy and support services available to victims/survivors.
4. **Refer client victims/survivors to appropriate community resources** to shelter, housing, transportation, food, school, employment, legal services, mental health, and substance abuse needs

# Program Activities

- **Provide advocacy and support services** for domestic violence/sexual assault victims/survivors.
- **Assist in legal and criminal proceedings** to help victims/survivors understand the process, get protective orders, and ensure safety for their families.
- **Assist victims/survivors** with filing protective orders, make referrals, and introductions to legal services, and accompany victims/survivors to court proceedings, providing transportation as needed.
- **Coordinate with law enforcement and the district attorney's office** for follow-up and support of victims/survivors in the criminal justice system and will assist victims/survivors with filing claims for crime victim compensation and victim impact statements.
- **Provide referrals** to community resources including shelter, health care, and job assistance
- **Lead weekly support groups** for victims/survivors.
- **Participate in community outreach events** and collaborate with community partners

# FVPS

**FY 17**

FVRC nonprofit folds. A community task force including judges, law enf. agencies, the District Attorney, DSS, and other agencies worked together to create FVPS.

CFVPS opened July 2017 with 1.5 FTE advocates, supervised by the director of the county's supervised visitation program.

**FY 19**

Chatham County receives a grant from NCDPS GCC providing funding for another advocate.

Grant covered 25% of the program director's salary, 100% of 2 DV Advocates, and the majority of operating costs.

**FY 23**

Due to decreased NCDPS GCC funding, the county approves the expansion request to fund one of the DV advocates.

**FY25**

NCDPS ending September 2024. County does not plan to apply again to allow the nonprofit Second Bloom to expand its services





**348** Protective Orders



Safety Planning



**30** Member Weekly Latinx Support Group



**100%** Case Management (Community Resources)

**8** Fully Funded Mental Health Sessions Provided



Individual Domestic Violence Education Sessions

**5** Completed a 6-hour Course



**100%**

Court Accompaniment/Transportation

# Highlights

# FVPS | Grant Overview

Award

FY 24

FY 25

## Award Term: 2 Years

10/1/22 - 9/30/24

## Grant Budget: \$223,641

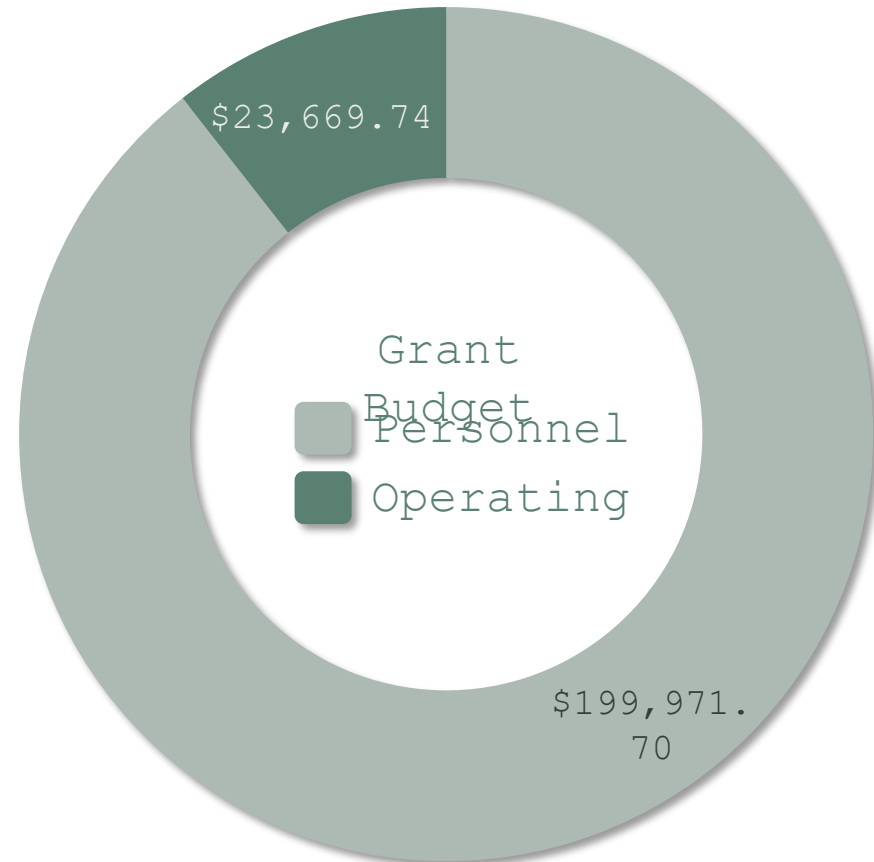
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## Grant Funded Positions: 1.25

Project Director (25% Grant Funded)

Bilingual DV/SA Advocate (100% FTE)

*(County funds another DV advocate)*



# FVPS | Current FY

Award

**FY 24**

FY 25

## Current Spending Progress

Grant currently **59%** spent as of Dec. FY 24.

By FY 24 end, approximately **85%** spent.

## FY 24 Projected Cost & Reimbursement

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$199,906**

Projected Grant Reimbursement: **\$108,945**

Approximately **54%** grant funded.

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## Projected Grant End

With current spending patterns, grant budget should be spent by 1st quarter FY 25 (September 2024), this is also when the grant ends.

## Projected Expense & Reimbursement

Projected Total Program Cost: **\$205,060** (*includes 1 county funded dv advocate*)

Projected Grant Reimbursement: **\$17,674**

**County funding of grant funded positions and expenses for three more quarters of FY25, without the grant, has an estimated cost of \$101,942.**

# Looking Ahead

All Grant Funded Programs



# Grant Funding

The three grants funding programs in Court Services are set to end in September 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY25).

The two federal grants may receive an extension and would allow for grant coverage of some expenses through March 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY25). There is also a small possibility of receiving awards for federal programs again.

In the event extensions are not granted and grants are not renewed, the county would be extending its funding for FTC, FVS, and FVPS to fully fund these programs without revenue to offset expenses.

In this scenario, the increased FY25 cost, reduced by grant reimbursement through September, is about **\$480,825**.

This would include 4 full-time and 3 part-time positions and operating expenses no longer funded by the grant



Increased Access to  
MH/SA Services



Increased Supervised  
Visitation



Family Preservation  
and Support



Reduction in  
Detention Population



Increased Case  
Management & Support  
to  
Families/Survivors/Vic  
tims of Crime



Equitable Access to  
Diversion and  
Alternatives to  
Sentencing

# Impacts of Court Programs

## Commissioner Goals

Resilience

Equitable Access

Healthy Community

## Additional Goals

Effective,  
Efficient  
Government

Mitigate the  
Impacts of Poverty

Ensure Public  
Safety

Strengthen  
Relationships

## Focus Areas

Partnerships

Diversity, Equity,  
and Inclusion

Health Initiatives

Organizational  
Excellence

Ties to Commissioner Goals



# Court Programs

Court Programs is seeking to create a new environment conducive to diversion and advocacy by changing the name to **Chatham Diversion & Advocacy Programs**.

This name change is because **MORE** than court services are provided. The department works to serve all members of the community.

However, the department cannot continue providing superior services without Commissioner support as funding for Family Treatment Court, Parenting Program and DV/SA grant are needed for the next fiscal year.

Questions?