

Other Public Safety Activities

Organization: 270050

| | 2014/15 Actual | 2015/16 Current | 2016/17 Requested | 2016/17 Approved | Percent Change |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| General Fund | 173,262 | 182,842 | 197,934 | 188,686 | 3.2% |
| Total | \$173,262 | \$182,842 | \$197,934 | \$188,686 | 3.2% |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Civil Air Patrol | 405 | 405 | 405 | 405 | 0.0% |
| Conflict Resolution Center | 11,000 | 13,000 | 19,248 | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| Court Improvement Board | 28,028 | 29,142 | 29,500 | 29,500 | 1.2% |
| Lake Norman Marine Commissior | 23,500 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 0.0% |
| Pretrial Services | 110,329 | 113,295 | 121,781 | 118,781 | 4.8% |
| Total | \$173,262 | \$182,842 | \$197,934 | \$188,686 | 6.1% |

Budget Highlights

Funds in Other Public Safety provide support to local non-profits related to public safety efforts.

Repay provides Pretrial Services to inmates in the Catawba County Detention Center and the Burke Catawba District Confinement Facility designed to control jail population by expediting cases through district and superior courts. These efforts saved the County a total of 10,206 inmate bed days last year, resulting in the need to house an average of 28 fewer inmates per day, providing significant relief to the rising jail population. Funding to Pretrial Services is increased due to increased compensation costs.

Repay also provides Justice System Coordination services focused on getting people through the judicial system as quickly as possible, assisting defendants with Affidavits of Indigence, working to assure priority courtroom use through pleas and other methods, and improving technology in courtrooms. These efforts saved the County 13,306 inmate bed days, resulting in the need to house an average of 49 fewer inmates per day. These efforts have extended the life of the existing jail, prolonging the necessity of the upcoming jail expansion.

The Conflict Resolution Center was established in 1997 as a non-profit organization with a volunteer base whose mission is to promote and bring about the peaceful settlement of disputes and prevent the escalation of conflict through mediation, diverting these issues from district court.

Lake Norman Marine Commission (LMNC) is funded equally by the four counties bordering Lake Norman (Catawba, Lincoln, Iredell, and Mecklenburg). LMNC was established in 1960 by the General Assembly to make regulations applicable to Lake Norman and its shoreline area concerning all matters relating to or affecting public recreation and water safety. LNMC's primary objectives are centered on boater safety and environmental issues. The budget includes the same funding as the current year to LNMC to maintain the navigational system on the lake, to control the Hydrilla exotic weed growth through continued introduction of sterile grass carp, to promote safe boating, and to maintain water quality on the lake.