

Other Public Safety Activities

Organization: 270050

	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Current	2015/16 Requested	2015/16 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
General Fund	171,460	177,342	189,000	182,842	3.1%
Total	\$171,460	\$177,342	\$189,000	\$182,842	3.1%
Expenses					
Civil Air Patrol	405	405	405	405	0.0%
Conflict Resolution Center	13,063	11,000	16,158	13,000	18.2%
Court Improvement Board	26,413	29,142	29,142	29,142	0.0%
Lake Norman Marine Commissior	23,500	23,500	30,000	27,000	14.9%
Pretrial Services	108,079	113,295	113,295	113,295	0.0%
Total	\$171,460	\$177,342	\$189,000	\$182,842	33.1%

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 numbers by expediting cases through the district and superior courts. These efforts saved the County 8,661 inmate bed days last year, resulting in the need to house an average of 24 fewer inmates per day, providing significant relief to the rising jail population.

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 a potential 20,038 inmate bed days, resulting in the need to house an average of 55 fewer inmates per day.

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. Funding is based on the projected cost versus revenue earned to provide mediation services in Catawba County's two court houses.

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 increases funding 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.