

**FY 2021-2022 Virginia Beach Budget  
Response to Council Questions**

**Question Number:** 32

**Question:** Are you aware that other cities in Virginia, not as large as Virginia Beach, have supplemented public defender pay?

**Date Requested:** 4/06/21

**Requested By:** Councilmember Tower

**Department:** Commonwealth's Attorney

**Response:** Yes. As of FY 2020-21, six of the 26 Public Defender offices in the Commonwealth received a local supplement. Nearly all of these offices are located in Northern Virginia. It remains to be known if the new, 27<sup>th</sup> office, in Chesterfield County, will also have supplements provided at the time of its implementation.

Local Jurisdiction	Population	Amount
Alexandria City	159,277	Flat Dollar Amount; Varies by Position
Arlington County	242,465	15% of Public Defender Attorneys salaries
Charlottesville City & Albemarle County (jointly funded)	159,992	No information on individual supplements
Fairfax County	1,146,163	Beginning FY 2020-21, new hires will receive a standardized rate of 15% Previously: Flat Dollar Amount, varied by position
Loudoun County	418,690	20% for employees
Prince William County	468,497	15% of Public Defender Attorneys salaries