



26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FY 19-20 COURT SYSTEM BUDGET PRESENTATION

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OUR MISSIONS

The mission of Mecklenburg County is Mecklenburg County will be a community of pride and choice for people to **LIVE, LEARN, WORK, and RECREATE.**

The mission of the North Carolina Judicial Branch is to protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

Our mission in the 26th Judicial District is to provide accessible justice to the citizens and the community, which is the fundamental organizing principle of the Court and its justice partners in Mecklenburg County. We are committed to working collaboratively with the community to prevent and solve problems in order to enhance the quality of life for all individuals.

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

⇒ Thank You for Your Support

⇒ 26th Judicial District Data

⇒ State Funding

⇒ Return on Investment

⇒ Requests

⇒ Questions

⇒ Thanks



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CURRENT AND CONTINUED SUPPORT

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEYS AND PUBLIC
DEFENDERS SUPPLEMENTAL
SALARIES**



**SELF SERVE CENTER
EXTENDED HOURS**



CONTRACT POSITIONS

**JUVENILE JUSTICE
COORDINATOR**



GUN PERMIT POSITIONS

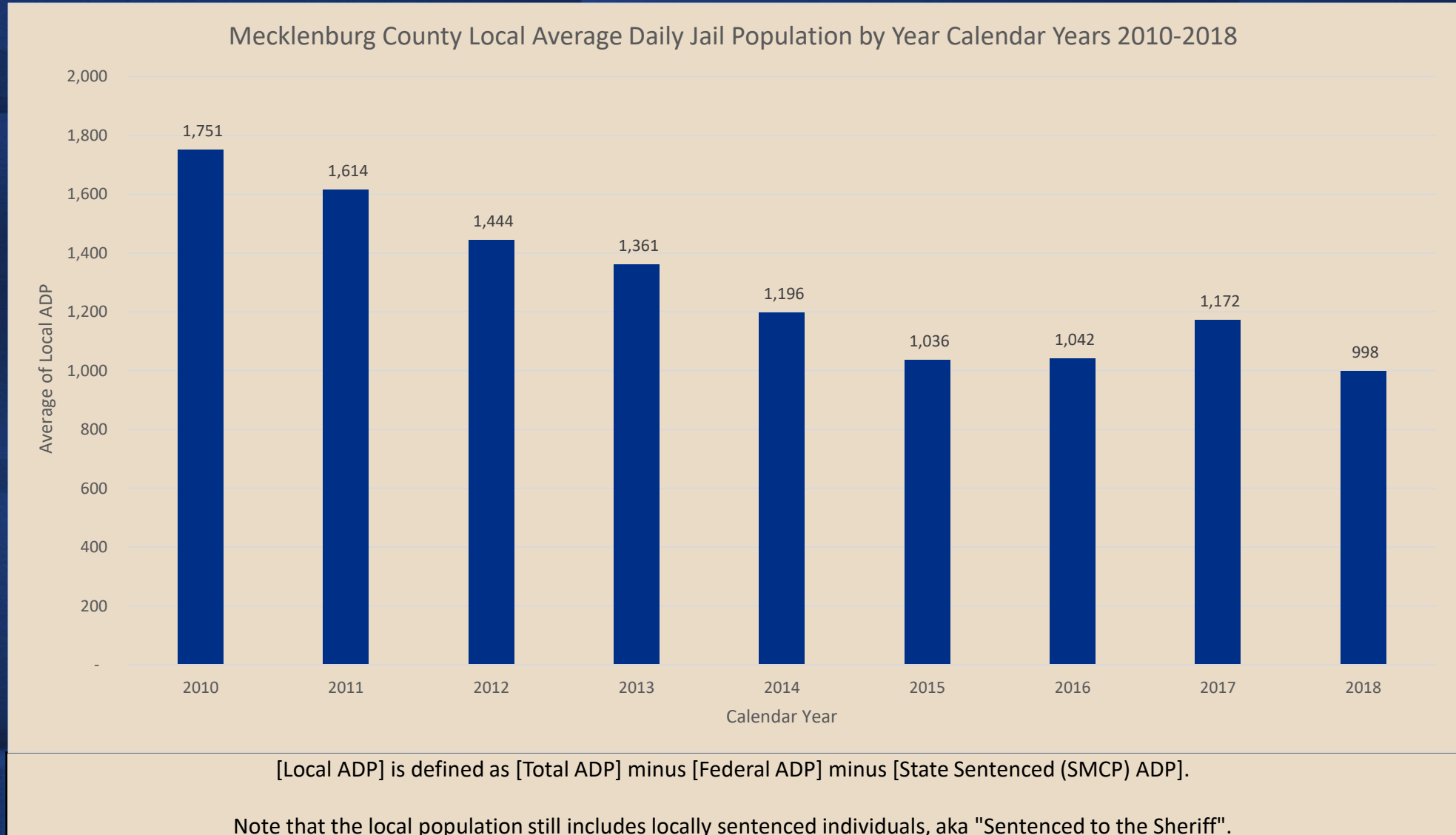


STRATEGIC PLANNING

FUNDING FROM MECKLENBURG COUNTY



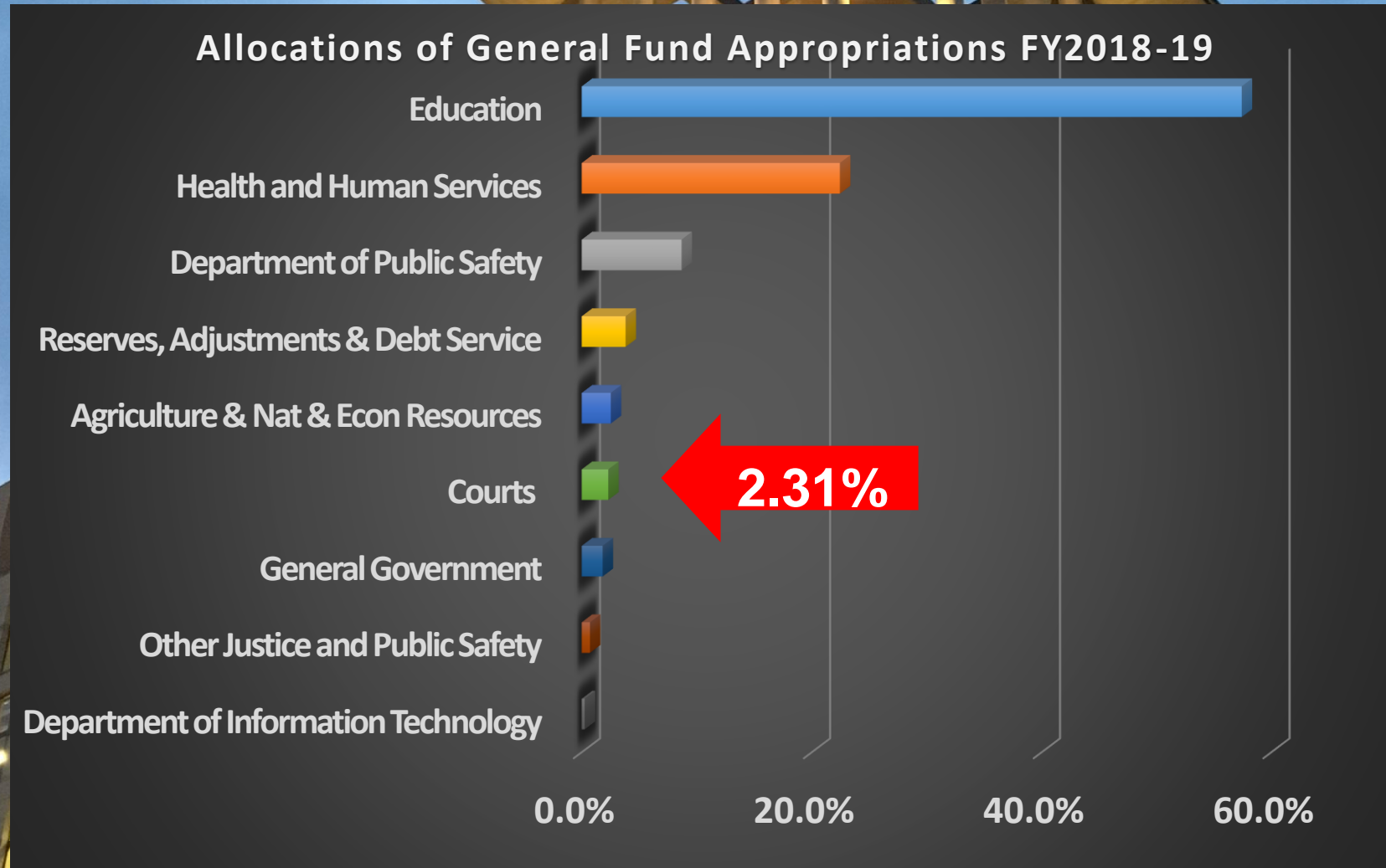
MECKLENBURG COUNTY AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION



SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CLEARANCE RATE

| Year | Dispositions | New Filings | Clearance Rate as % |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 2014 | 15,814 | 13,590 | 116% |
| 2015 | 14,299 | 13,634 | 105% |
| 2016 | 14,058 | 13,907 | 101% |
| 2017 | 15,106 | 15,799 | 96% |
| 2018 | 15,251 | 14,559 | 105% |
| 2014-2018 | 74,528 | 71,489 | 104% |

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH RECEIVES LESS THAN 3% OF \$23.9 BILLION STATE BUDGET.



REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS

Court costs and other money collected for the state

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| 2014-15: | \$269,500,000 |
| 2015-16: | \$227,800,000 |
| 2016-17: | \$242,600,000 |
| 2017-18: | \$232,700,000 |
| 2018-19: | \$240,500,000* |

*Projection



Approximately 45% to
55% of the Court's
budget is covered by
fees

Essentially, only 1
penny out of every tax
dollar is being spent to
support our court
system

A low-angle photograph of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse at dusk. The building is a modern, multi-story structure with a prominent central tower featuring a series of columns. The windows are illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in semi-transparent boxes.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM MECKLENBURG COUNTY

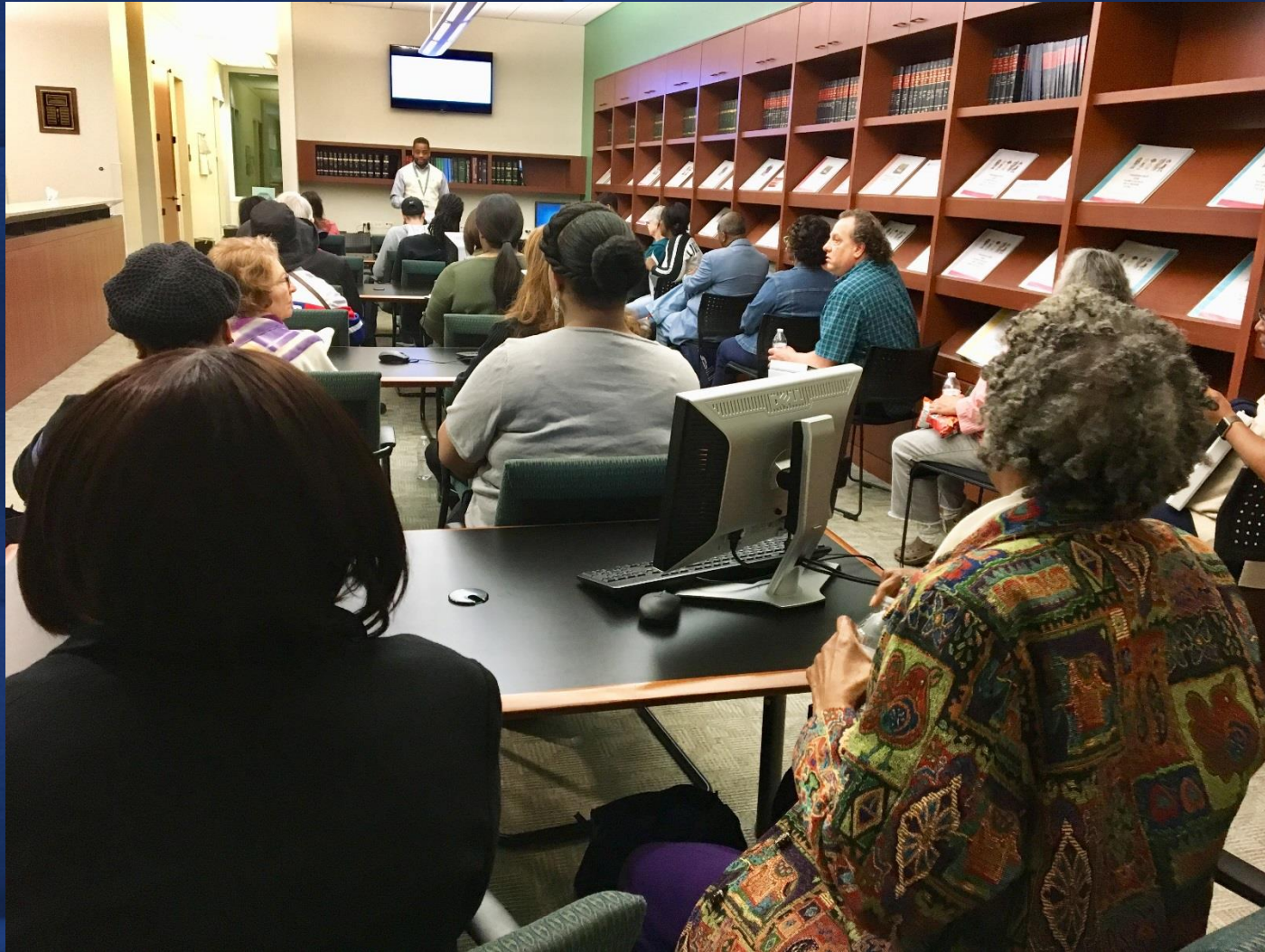
15.55%

\$5.8 Million

- Funding Received from Mecklenburg County Under Contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts

MECKLENBURG
COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

SELF-SERVE CENTER EXTENDED HOURS





COUNTY REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

- **AOC Contract Increase (District Attorney's Office)** **\$75,978**
- **AOC Contract Increase (Public Defender's Office)** **\$21,030**
- **AOC Contract Increase (Trial Court Administrator's Office)** **\$78,109**
- **Larry King's Clubhouse Cost of Living Adjustment** **\$10,000**
- **Technical Associate Position** **\$63,984**
- **Training for Assistant Public Defender** **\$6,000**



COUNTY REQUESTS

IMPROVEMENTS

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| • Transition Existing Digital Signage | \$6,377 |
| • Replacement Desktops | \$23,647 |
| • Interactive Voice Response Server | \$6,000 |
| • Courtroom Desktop Computers | \$5,564 |
| • A/V System Upgrade Courtroom 6130 | \$71,684 |
| • Door Installation | \$10,000 |
| • Digital Docket Displays | \$63,437 |
| • A/V System for Courtroom 4110 | \$39,944 |
| • Digital Building Directory | \$20,497 |
| • Conversion of Paper Files | \$154,861 |
| • Additional Workstations (Clerk's Office) | \$30,000 |



COUNTY REQUESTS

IMPROVEMENTS

- Debt Relief for License Restoration Project \$15,000
 - Possible 11,000 cases identified for dismissal
 - Modeled after Durham Driver Amnesty Program

SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION



- **Race Matters for Juvenile Justice-** collaborative leadership group working within our community to reduce disproportionality and disparate outcomes for children and families of color through institutional organizing, education, and workforce development.
- **Civics 101-** course led by current and former government officials in a face-to-face format for people wanting to learn more about how local government works.
- **Court College-** Educational program for adults about all aspects of justice system.

SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION



- **Court Camp-** Educational program for children ages 14-18 interested in learning more about the law and the North Carolina Judicial Branch.
- **Bail Policy Development, Implementation and Training-** The new policy eliminates the old bond table that suggested financial ranges for specific charges. There is an updated conditions release matrix that is based on Pretrial Services data and created by criminal justice leaders.

THE 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

A VOICE FOR JUSTICE





QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

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