



# **City Attorney's Office Civil and Criminal Divisions**

**FY 2020 Budget  
Presentation  
for the  
Billings City Council  
May 14, 2019**



# Fifteen Professionals in the City Attorney's Office Serve the City of Billings



**City Attorney**  
*Civil / Criminal*

**Deputy City Attorney**  
*Criminal Prosecution*  
**(4)**

**Assistant City Attorney**  
**(1)**  
**Deputy City Attorney**  
*Civil Litigation / Advice*  
**(2)**

*DV Victim / Witness Specialist*  
**(2)**  
*Criminal Victim / Witness Specialist*  
**(1)**  
**Admin. Support I**  
**(1)**

**Senior Legal Secretary**  
*Office / Civil / Office Administration*  
**(1)**

**Administrative, Support II**  
*Municipal Court*  
**(2)**



# Criminal Statistics in Calendar Year 2018

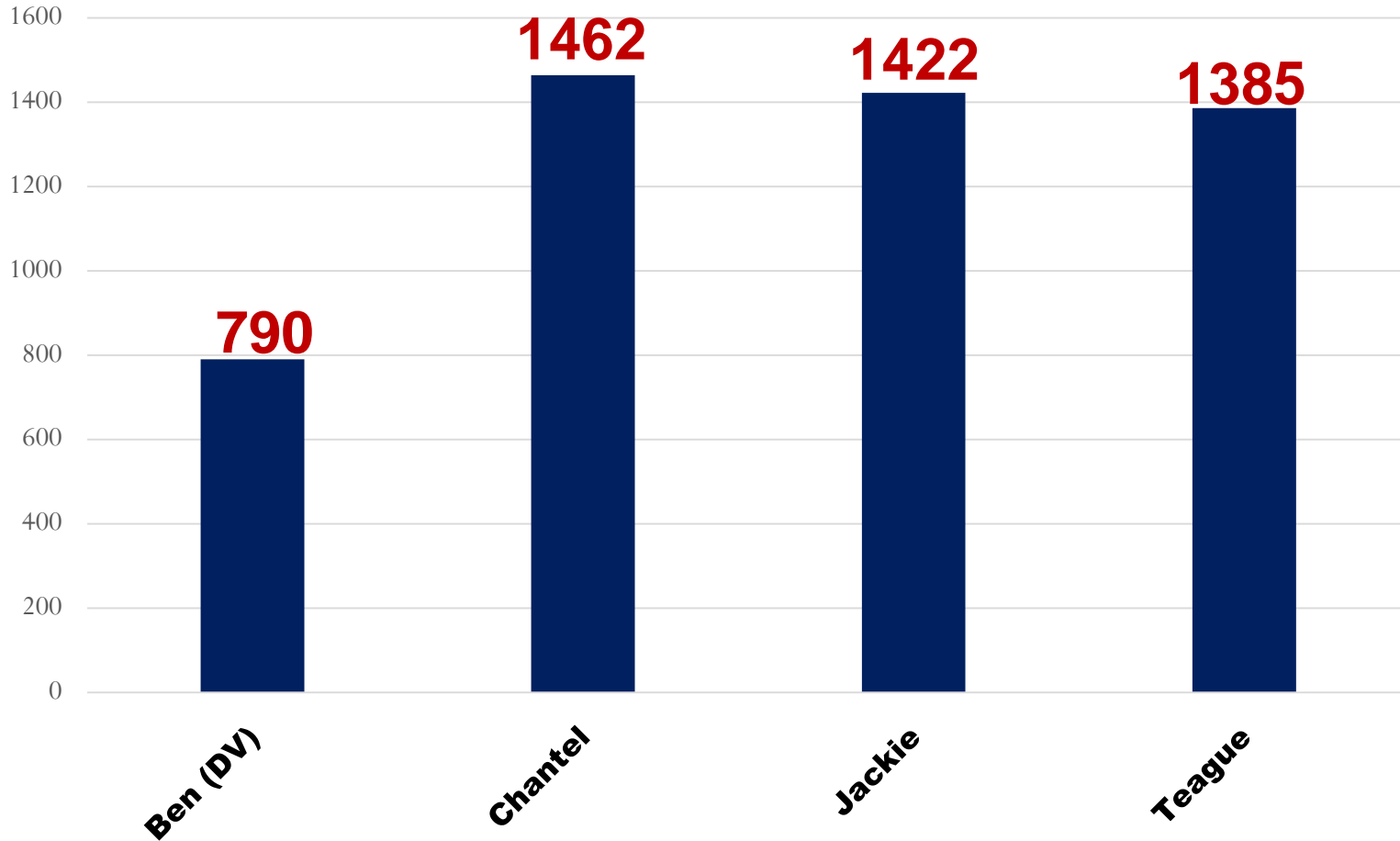


<b>New Cases Opened</b>	<b>5059</b>
<b>Cases Reviewed for Possible Warrants *</b>	<b>1435</b>
<b>Cases Reviewed for Revocation of Sentence</b>	<b>2611</b>

**\* Most are Non-Traffic Misdemeanors**

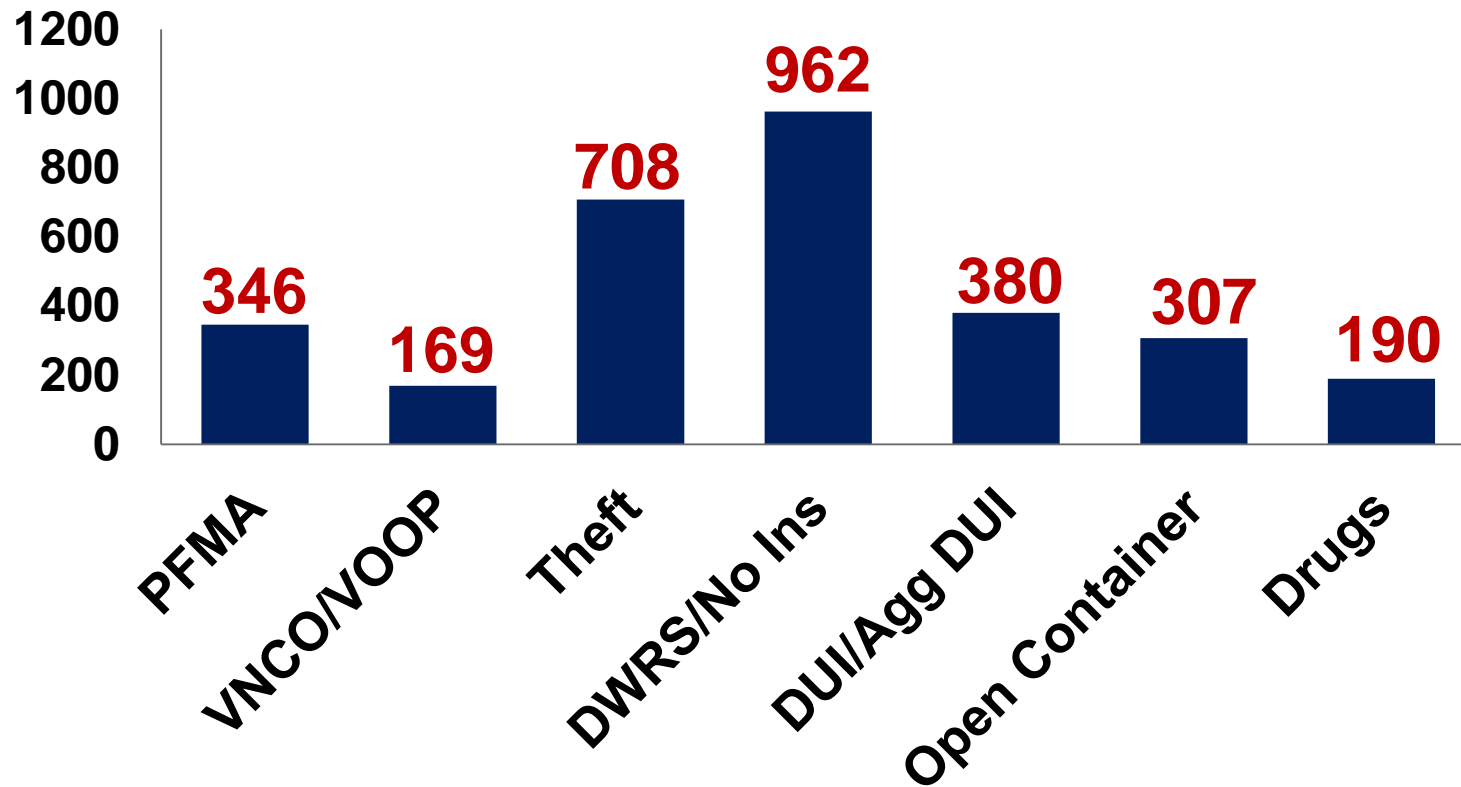


# Criminal Misdemeanor Cases Opened 2018





# Top Criminal Misdemeanor Cases Opened 2018

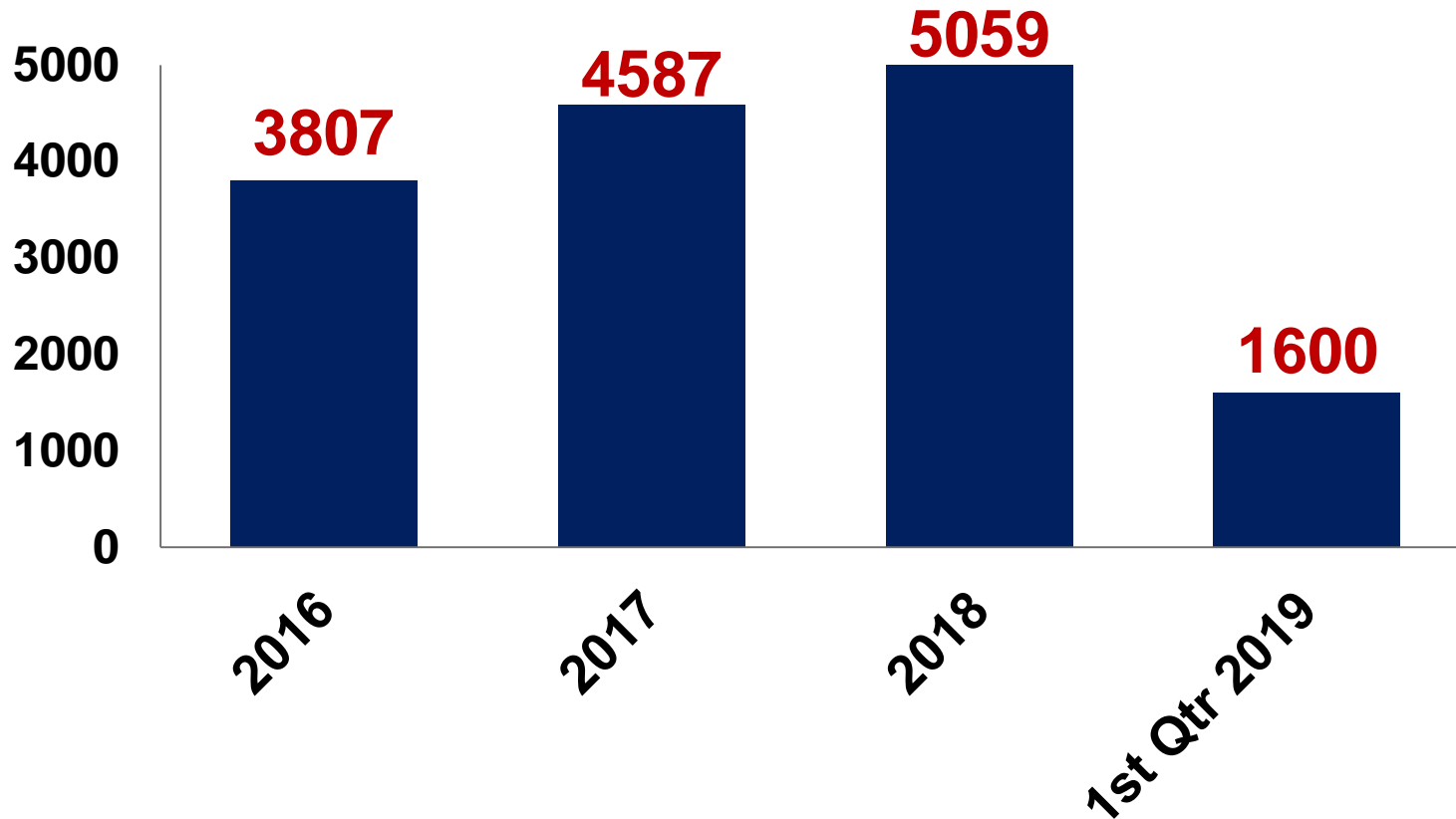




# Criminal Cases Opened 2016 - 2019

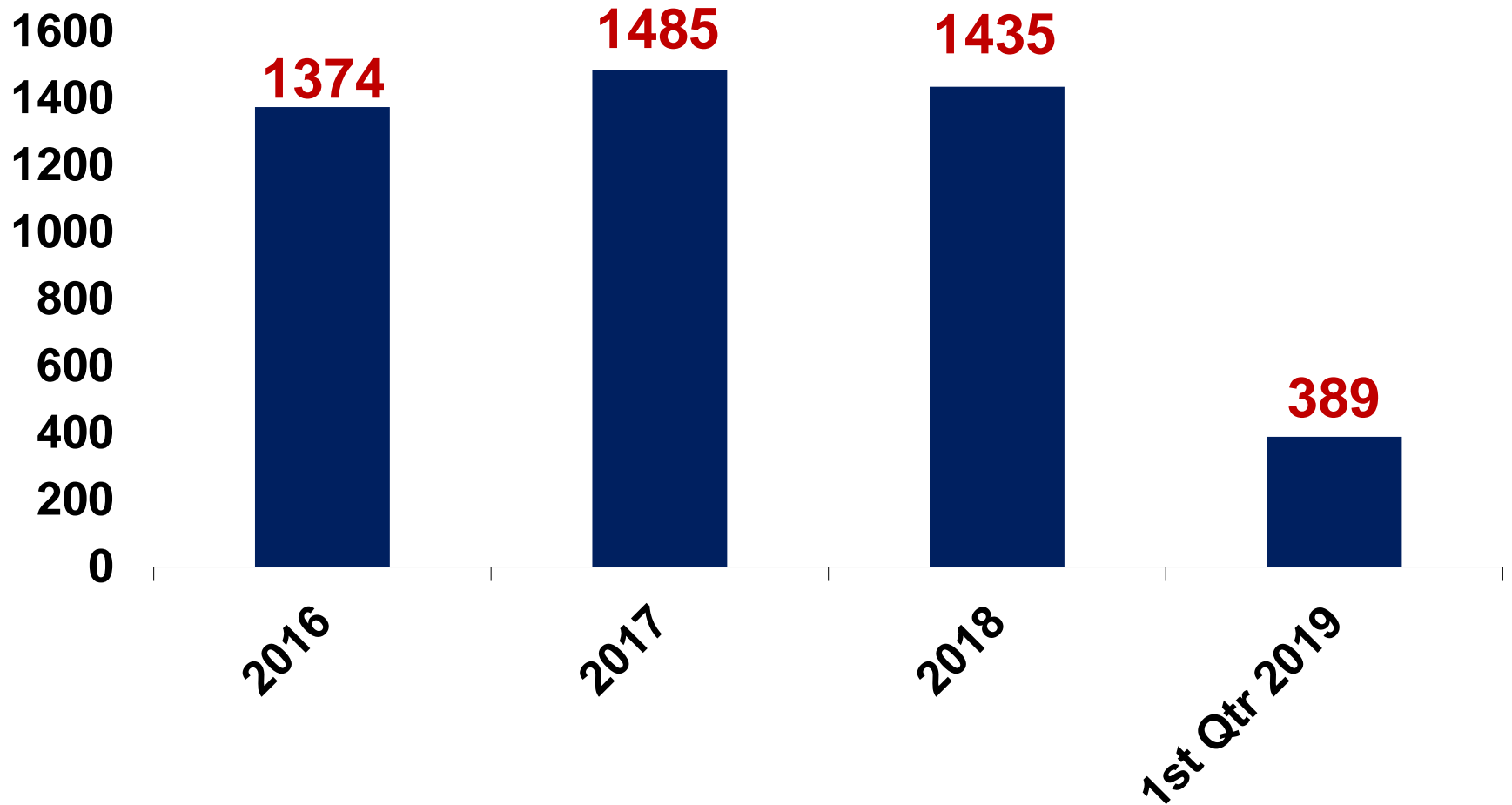


**Cases Opened: Misdemeanor Non-traffic & Traffic**



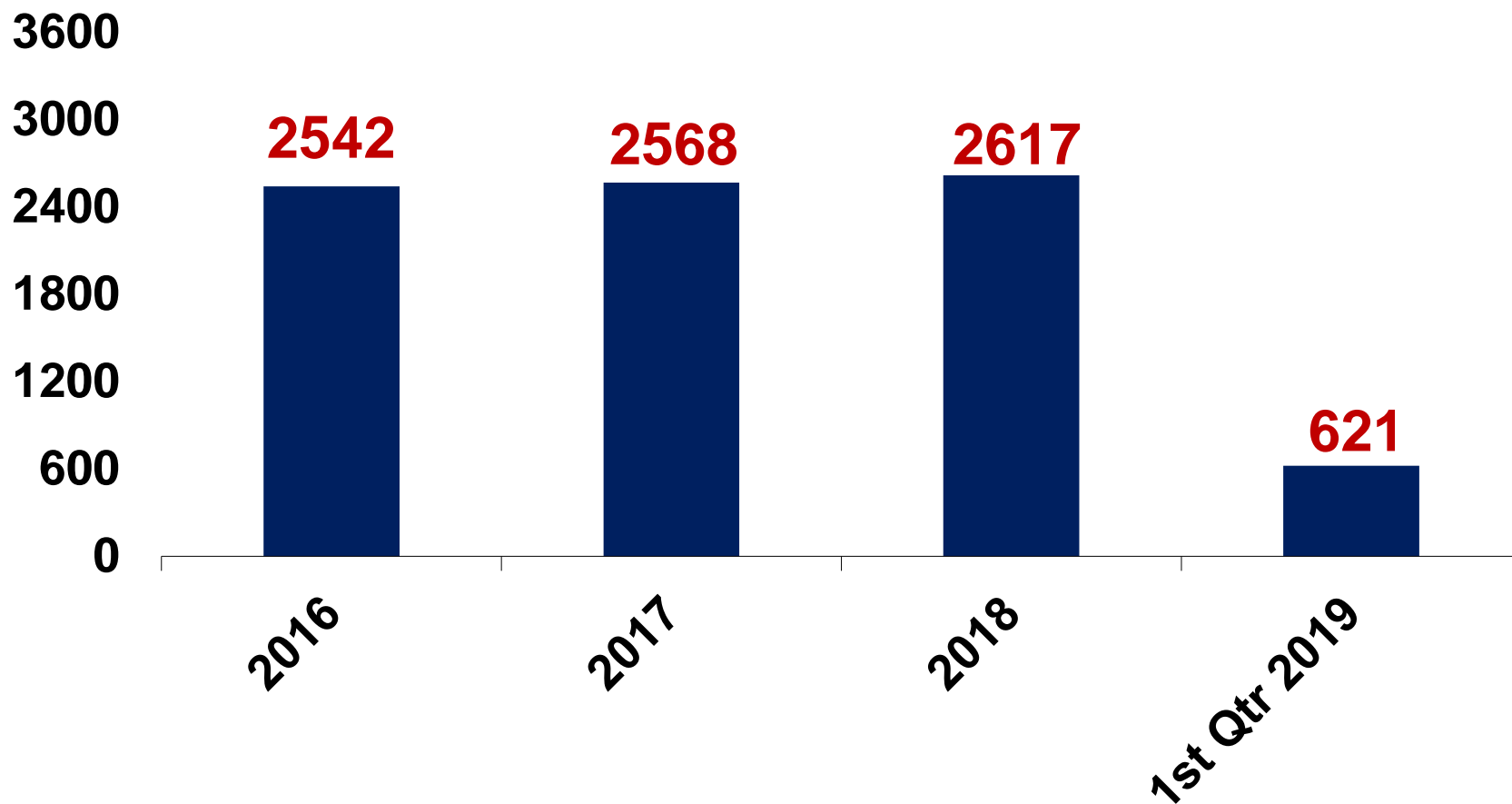


# Warrant Requests 2016 - 2019



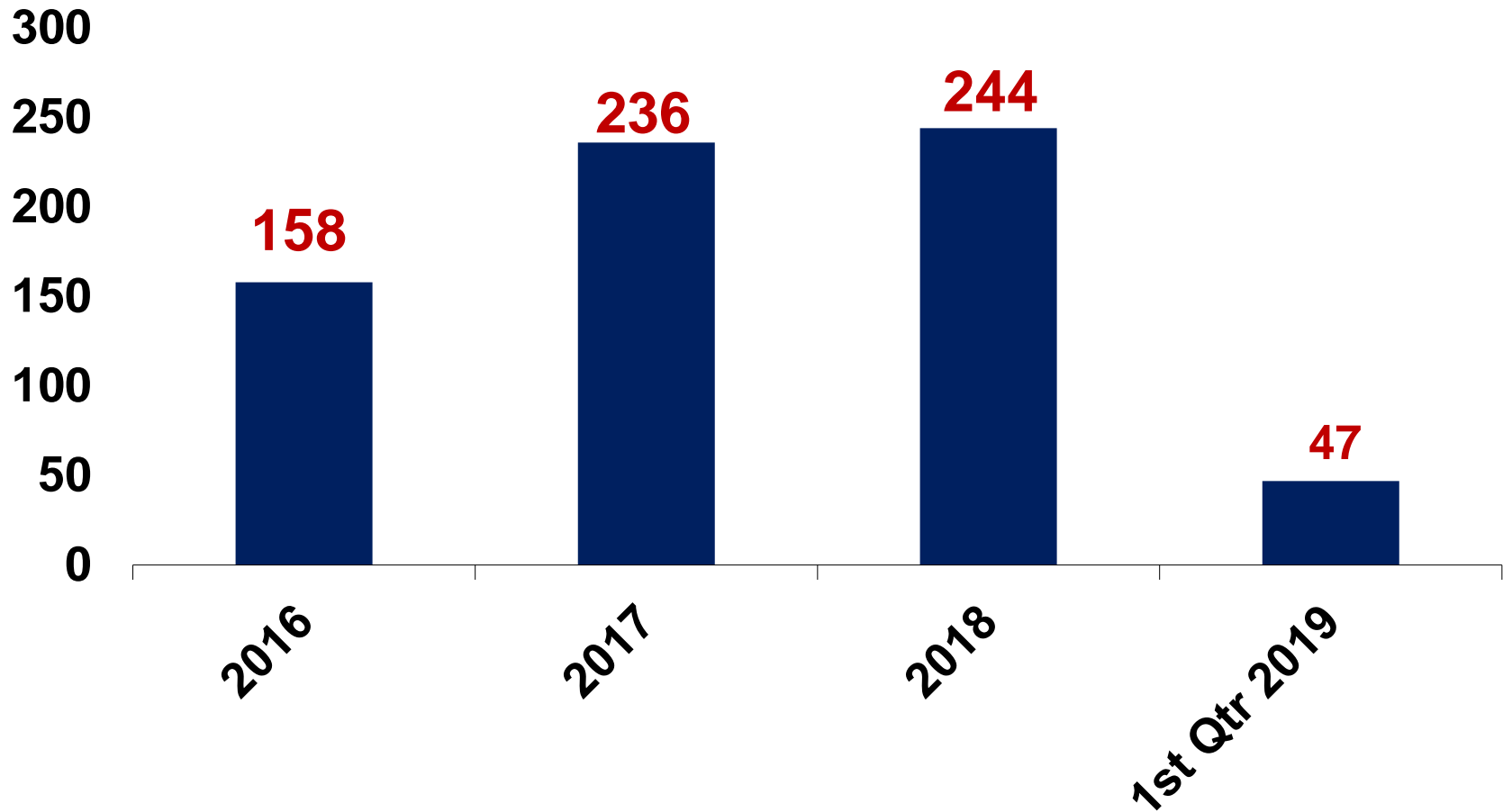


# Probation Revocation Requests 2016 - 2019





# Public Record Requests 2016 - 2019





# Four Funding Sources for the City Attorney Office



**General Fund + PW:**  
**93.5%**

**DV Grant from Montana Board of Crime Control:**  
**4%**



**City Attorney Funding Sources**

**Statutory Surcharges MCA 46-18-236(7):**  
**2.5%**

# Personal Services Comparison FY 19 & FY 20



	<b>Adopted Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Salary and Benefits</b>	<b>\$1,096,593</b>	<b>\$1,304,507</b>	<b>\$207,914</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Grants Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 390,197</b>	<b>\$ 305,374</b>	<b>\$ (84,823)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,486,790</b>	<b>\$1,609,881</b>	<b>\$123,091</b>



# O & M Comparison FY 19 & FY 20



	<b>Adopted Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>O &amp; M</b>	<b>\$ 335,666</b>	<b>\$ 421,846</b>	<b>\$ 86,180</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Grants O &amp; M</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (1,800)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 337,466</b>	<b>\$ 421,846</b>	<b>\$ 84,380</b>

# Domestic Violence Grants Operating Budget Comparison FY 19 & FY 20



	<b>Adopted Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Grant Funds</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>	<b>\$ 88,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,000</b>
<b>City Match</b>	<b>\$ 317,978</b>	<b>\$ 217,374</b>	<b>\$ (100,604)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 392,978</b>	<b>\$ 305,374</b>	<b>\$ (87,604)</b>



# Accomplishments



- 2019 Legislative Support
  - Helped defeat \$250,000 funding reduction to City proposed by **SB 315/HB 773**
  - Supported **HB 192** Priv. in Comm. Changes
  - Supported **SB 114** Stalking/OOP Amendments
- Nuisance Ordinance Amendments
- Code Enforcement-cooperative progress with Planning Re non-compliant properties
- *Gurr v. City*-City Code Surcharge Case-dismissed by plaintiff after City's brief
- Pretrial Risk Assessment Pilot Program
- DV Unit Grant Renewal-MBCC



# Future Goals/Challenges



## Civil Division:

- Continued liability insurance/risk mgmt vigilance
- City Code Review/Revisions – substantial completion Target Date-end of calendar year 2019
- Massage Parlor Ordinance – Target Date latter 2019
- Noise Ordinance Review/Revisions
- 2019 Montana Legislative Session – implement changes affecting municipalities
- Refresh Department Webpage with IT Website Re-design
- Plan/Facilitate **MLCT** City Atty CLE-part of annual convention
- Annually increasing records requests/atty time/fees to charge



# Future Challenges (Cont.)



## Criminal Division:

- Volume/fast pace of Misdemeanor cases
- ORCA – Retail Merchant Task Force–implement HB 421 2019 session?
- Code Enforcement –Nuisance Properties/incremental progress in 2018
- Treatment Court Program/MAAP/Homeless
- Municipal Court E-filing-”Go Live” May 6 2019
- Staffing: No Attys added since July 1 2007:
  - 2019: **Blgs:** 4 crim. attys **Msla:** 5 crim. Attys **Boz:** 4 crim. attys
  - FY 18 cases per atty: **Blgs:** 1378/ DV Atty 799 **Msla:** 875 **Boz:** 306
- Physical Location/Office Space



# Thank you ! Questions

