



Municipal Court Council Presentation

PRESENTED BY JUDGE SHEILA KOLAR

City of Billings Municipal Court



Overview

Court of record since 1996

Jurisdiction – All misdemeanor/code violations within the limits of the City of Billings

Federally funded treatment courts: Drug, DUI and Co-Occurring Treatment Courts

16 full time employees and 3 grant funded employees, 3 new employees requested for FY 24

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Over 12,000 Court
Filings Adjudicated

2nd Full Time
Municipal Court
Judge

**Fiscal Year 2023
Recap**

PSA On-Boarding

Over 20,000
Hearings Held

Public Safety Assessment (PSA)

Overview

- The PSA is a pretrial risk assessment that generates pre-trial release conditions based on past FTAs and criminal activity.
- The program, which is a pilot, is funded and administered through the OCA .
- 82% of court cases with a PSA have been disposed in Yellowstone county.

PSA Qualifiers

- The defendant must be incarcerated at YCDF.
- The arrest must be for new charges.
- No traffic charges are considered besides DUI & Fleeing/Eluding.

Subsidies

- PSA must be generated.
- Limited number per year to pay for GPS or alcohol monitoring.
- \$9/day for individuals that qualify and meet federal poverty guidelines.
- 12 misdemeanor subsidy spots shared with Justice Court and Laurel City Court.

For more information and performance measures:
[Montana Judicial Branch Pretrial Program \(mt.gov\)](https://www.mt.gov/psa)

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Upcoming Challenges

Fail to appears.

Applicant shortage.

Jail overcrowding.

Technology advancement.

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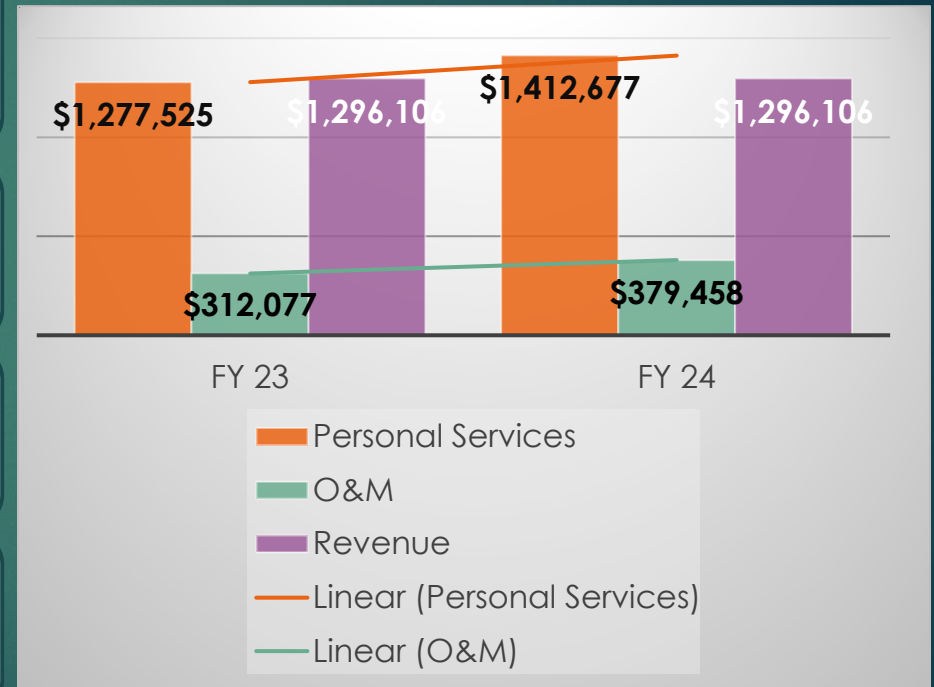
Fiscal Year 2022 vs. 2023

FY 23 - Court is estimated to come in 10% under budget.

FY 23 – Court is estimated to come in 15% under projected revenue.

FY 24 – 10% increase in personal services due to additional PSML staff positions.

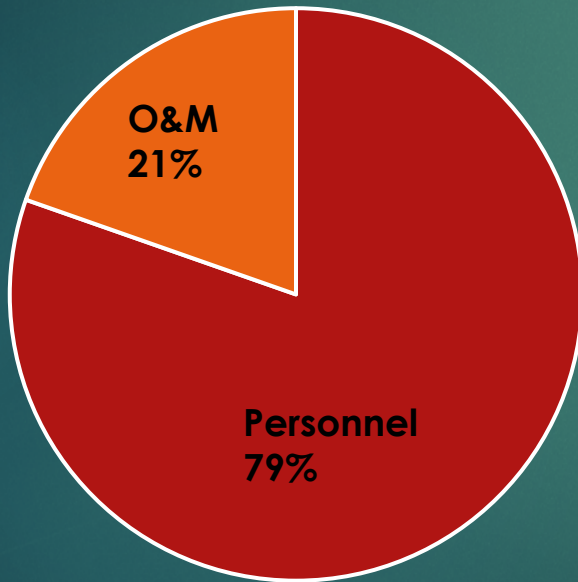
FY 24 - 17% increase in O&M due to internal cost projections, New City Hall facility fee, and pre-trial subsidy funding.



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Court Budget

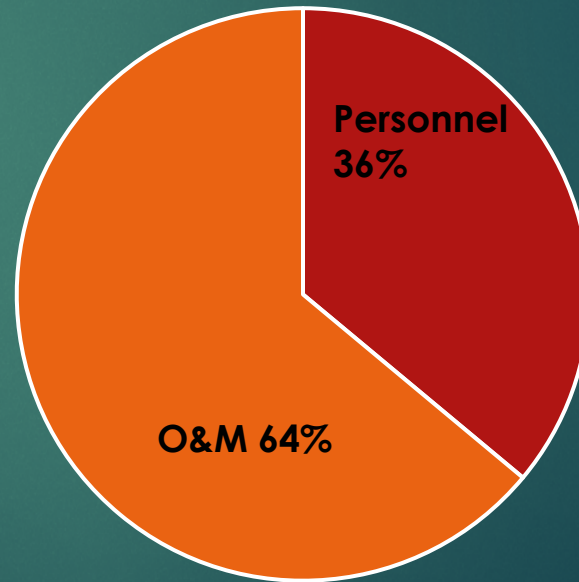
FY 24 \$1,792,135



■ Personnel \$1,412,677 ■ O&M \$312,077

Grant Budget

FY 24 \$547,827

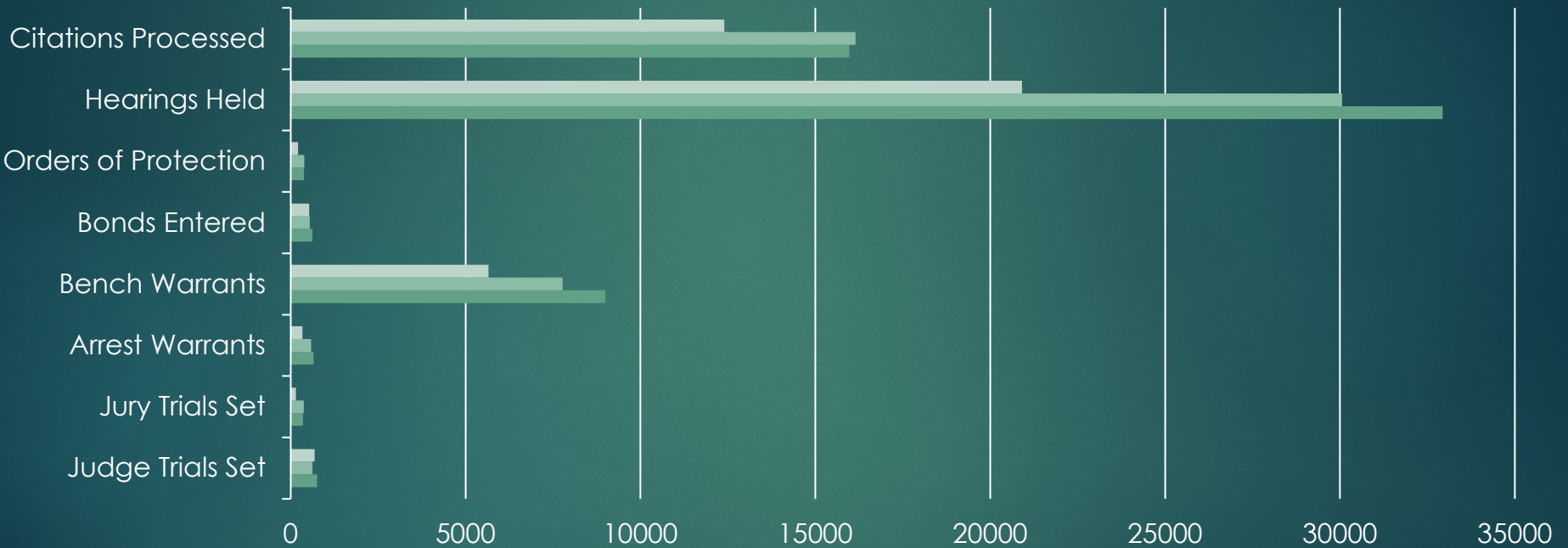


■ Personnel \$197,514 ■ O&M \$350,313

Total Court FY 24 Budget: \$2,339,962

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Workload

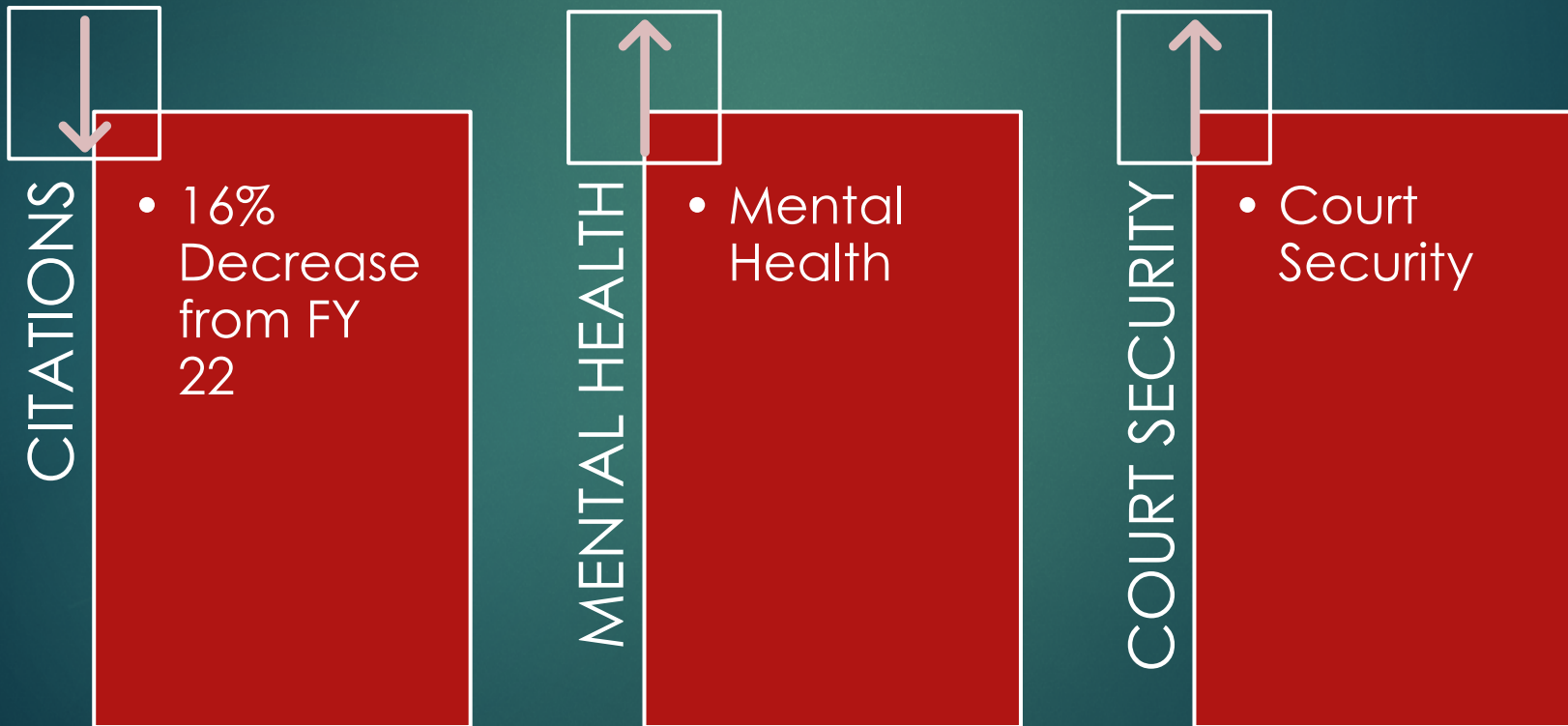


	Judge Trials Set	Jury Trials Set	Arrest Warrants	Bench Warrants	Bonds Entered	Orders of Protection	Hearings Held	Citations Processed
■ FY 2023 YTD	687	148	337	5,658	530	208	20,907	12,395
■ FY 2022	620	372	584	7,775	548	388	30,056	16,146
■ FY 2021	757	350	657	8,997	626	380	32,937	15,971

■ FY 2023 YTD ■ FY 2022 ■ FY 2021

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Court Trends



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Co-Occurring Court 2019 - 2023

- 21 Graduates
- 28% Recidivism Rate
- 24-month average length of program

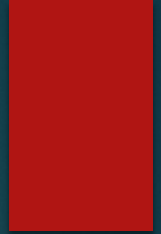
DUI Court 2019-2023

- 45 Graduates
- 11% Recidivism Rate
- 18-month program, on average

Drug Court 2019 - 2023

- 11 Graduates
- 26% Recidivism Rate
- 18-month program, on average

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Q & A