

Billings Police Department FY 2026 Budget



MISSION STATEMENT

THE BILLINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH A CUSTOMER SERVICE, PROBLEM SOLVING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY.

Budget Focus

Public Safety

Addressing Community Needs

Operational Efficiency

What We Do

- Enforce local, state, and federal law.
- Maintain public order.
- Protect citizens.
- Deter criminal activity.

2024 Calls For
Service – 86,913



Council Strategic Priorities

Improve public safety.

Reduce escalation of family violence.

Reduce violent crime.

Improve downtown safety.

Reduce property crime.

Enhance traffic safety.

Department Strategic Priorities

Safe Billings

- Reduce violent crime.
- Reduce property crime.
- Enhance traffic safety.

Vibrant Billings

- Enhance perception of safety downtown.

2025/2026 Police Department Comparison

**FY25 Adopted
Budget**

\$36,090,209

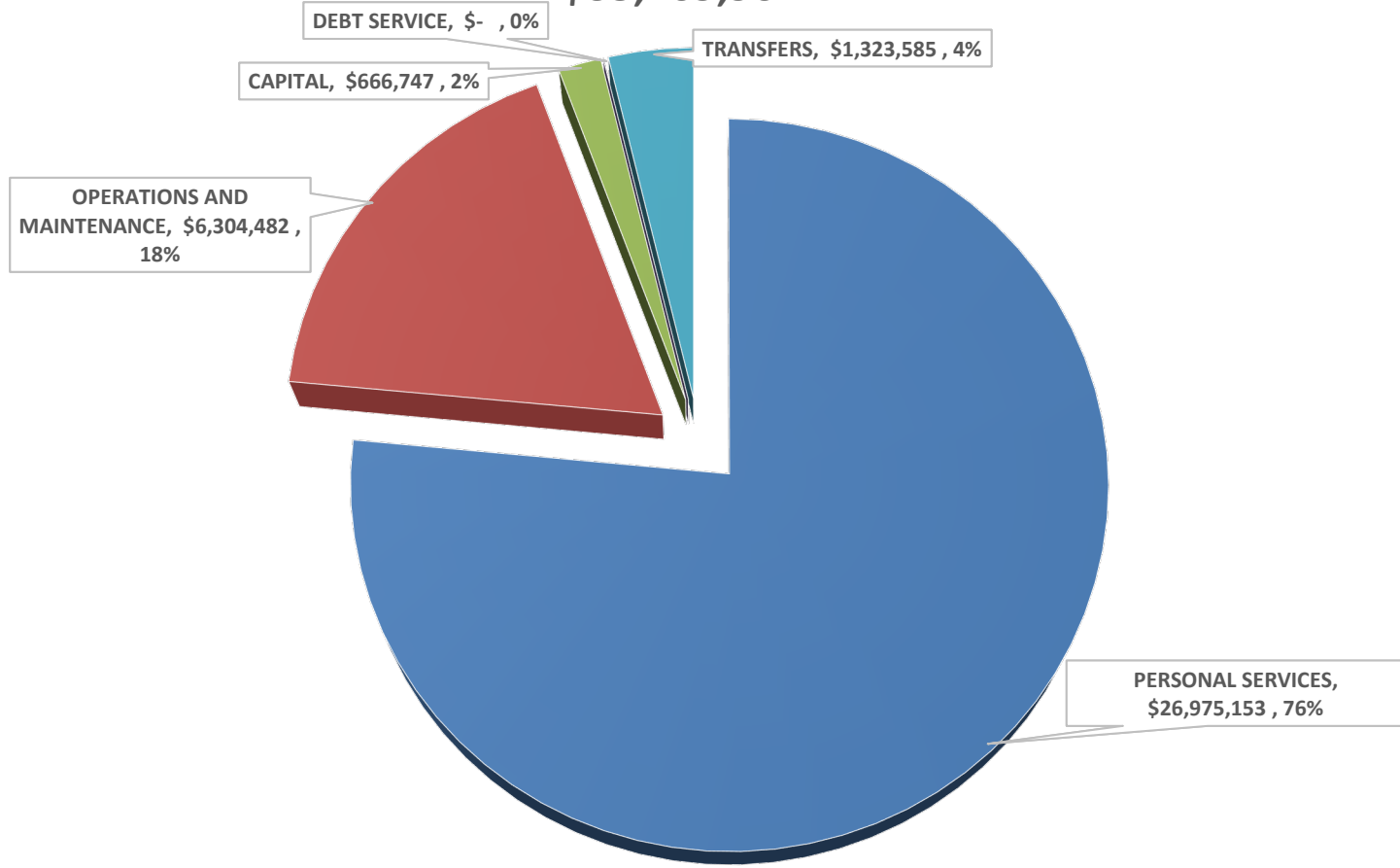
**FY26 Proposed
Budget**

\$35,269,967

**\$ 820,242 decrease from FY25
(2.27%)**

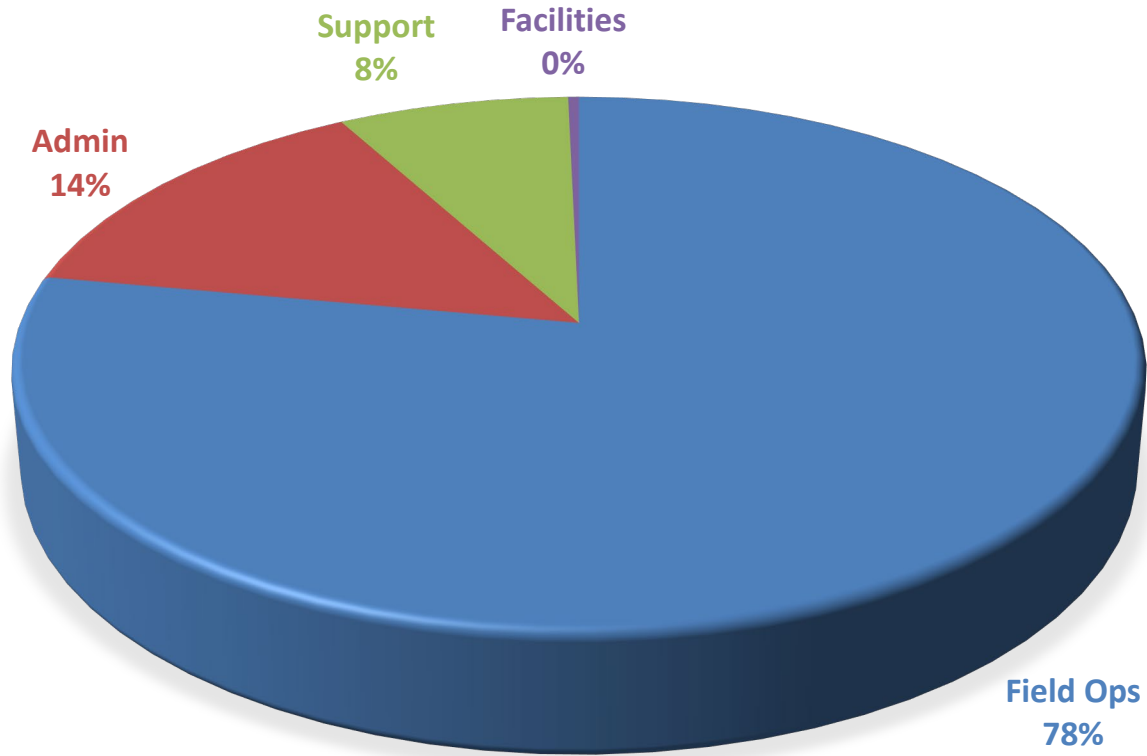
2026 Budget (Public Safety Fund)

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- PERSONAL SERVICES
- OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
- CAPITAL
- DEBT SERVICE
- TRANSFERS

2026 ALLOCATION



POLICE - FY26

Division	Personal Services	O & M	Transfers/Capital/ Other	Total
Admin	\$ 1,208,922	\$ 666,508	\$ -	\$ 1,875,430
Operations	-	1,876,635	1,300,989	\$ 3,177,624
Patrol	16,550,375	819,877	128,732	\$ 17,498,984
Admin Lt/Spec Ops.	1,694,180	132,223	-	\$ 1,826,403
Invest.	-	279,668	-	\$ 279,668
Detectives	4,737,881	17,600	-	\$ 4,755,481
Training	-	218,591	-	\$ 218,591
Services	-	1,265,909	-	\$ 1,265,909
Records	1,068,228	-	-	\$ 1,068,228
Underage Drinking	1,500	14,000	-	\$ 15,500
AFIS	-	6,492	-	\$ 6,492
A/C Admin	448,623	431,377	-	\$ 880,000
A/C Facilities	-	118,981	-	\$ 118,981
A/C Enforcement	96,975	62,147	22,596	\$ 181,718
Public Safety Fund Total	25,806,684	5,910,008	1,452,317	33,169,009
Police Programs Totals	1,168,469	394,474	-	\$ 1,562,943
Capital Replacement Fund	-	-	538,015	\$ 538,015
Department Total	\$ 26,975,153	\$ 6,304,482	\$ 1,990,332	\$ 35,269,967

Highlights of Personal Services Increases

Sick and Vacation Payoff	15,000	One retirement predicted/No budget entered in this category
Comp Cash Out-Detectives	55,000	Increasing case loads/crime along with vacancies and inability to keep up with hiring due to academy availability continues to drive overtime and comp numbers
Off Duty Pay**	175,000	**This is 100% reimbursable and rarely has a loss for non-payment

Highlights of O & M Increases

Vehicle Towing Service	21,000	The number of tows have increased driving costs up. About half of this budget is reimbursed. There are about 100 vehicles in the Impound lot awaiting adjudication
Subscriptions of Publications	8,492	Adjusted to pay for City View Licenses/IA Software
Other Professional Services	7,000	Existing budget has consistently been over by \$5,000-\$10,000. NeoGov requires a subscription, those costs are \$3,500/year
MDT Repairs	85,000	This will complete the purchase of the remaining 15 MDT's that will become inactive in October, 2025
Transportation Equipment	128,732	SBR for inflation for vehicles in the ERP
Drone Supplies	12,000	Drones have become an integral part of police procedures especially in standoff situations.
Subscriptions, Software Renewals	30,000	Subscriptions are still increasing at alarming trends and a necessary part of investigations tools
Technical Training	10,000	To cover new costs for crash investigation team training and 10 council authorized positions from FY25 budget
Other Contract Services	33,000	Contract is for \$340,000 plus boarding fees in cases resulting in 10 animals or more

FY 26 Staffing

177 Sworn
Officers
authorized

- 162 Deployed - 6 in Field Training, 4 at MLEA
- 8 in backgrounds for September MLEA
- Next hiring process – Lateral process on June 5/August 2025 for January 2026 MLEA

50 Support
Personnel

- 46/50 staffed
- 10 CSO positions fully staffed
- Evidence/ID fully staffed

7 Animal
Control
Employees

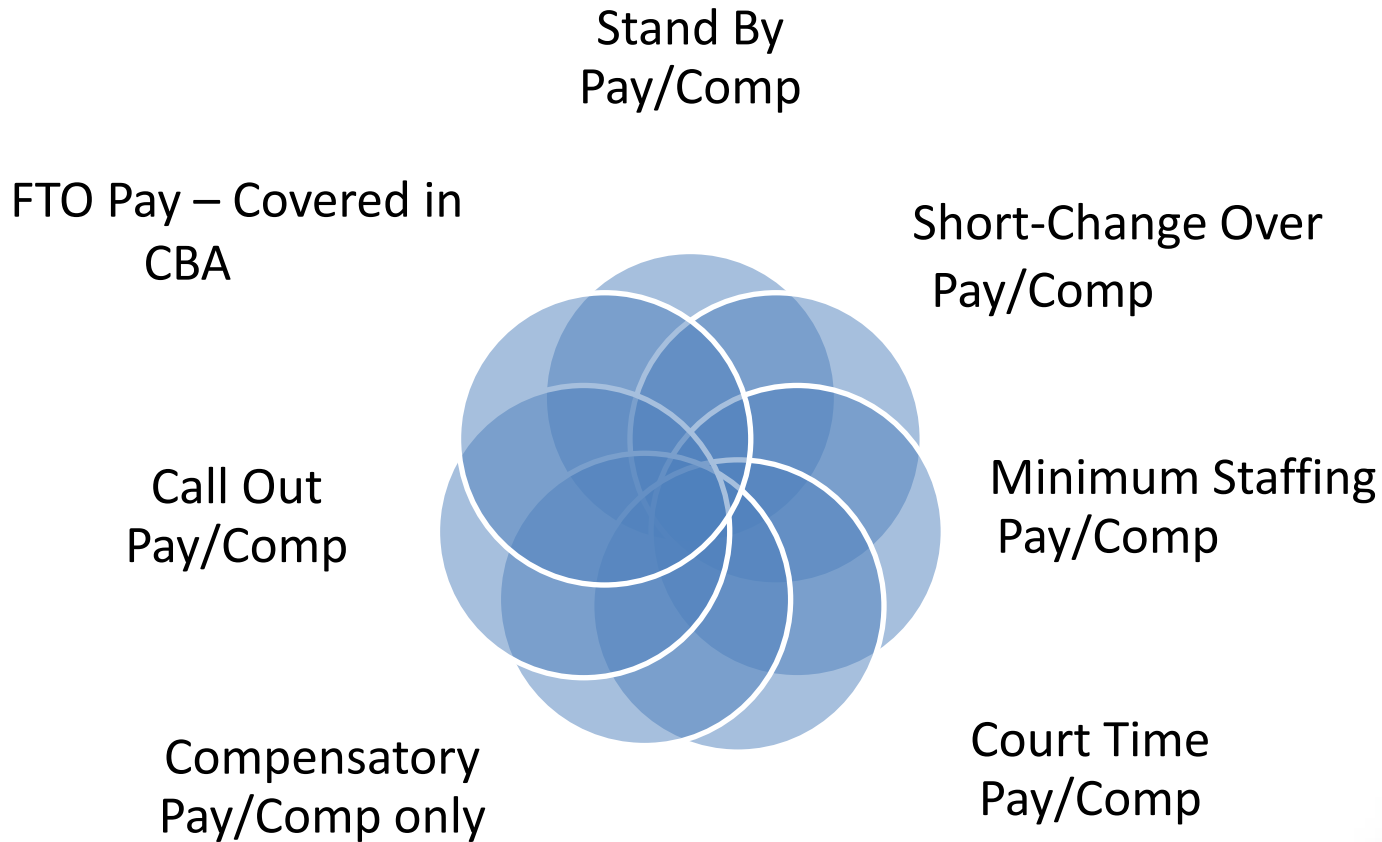
- 1 supervisor
- 1 senior office assistant
- 5 ACO's (1 vacancies)

Cost Saving Measures



- Technology enhancement.
- Inter-agency collaboration.
- Alternative Funding.
- Improve officer well-being.
- Build strong community relations.
- More effectively manage overtime.
- Energy Efficiency.

Overtime Programs and Extra Pays per CBA



Overtime Tracking



Crash Pay/Comp

SRO Pay/Comp

Training Pay/Comp

Admin Pay/Comp

Public Relations
Pay/Comp

Special Operations Pay/Comp

Special Operations Training
Pay/Comp

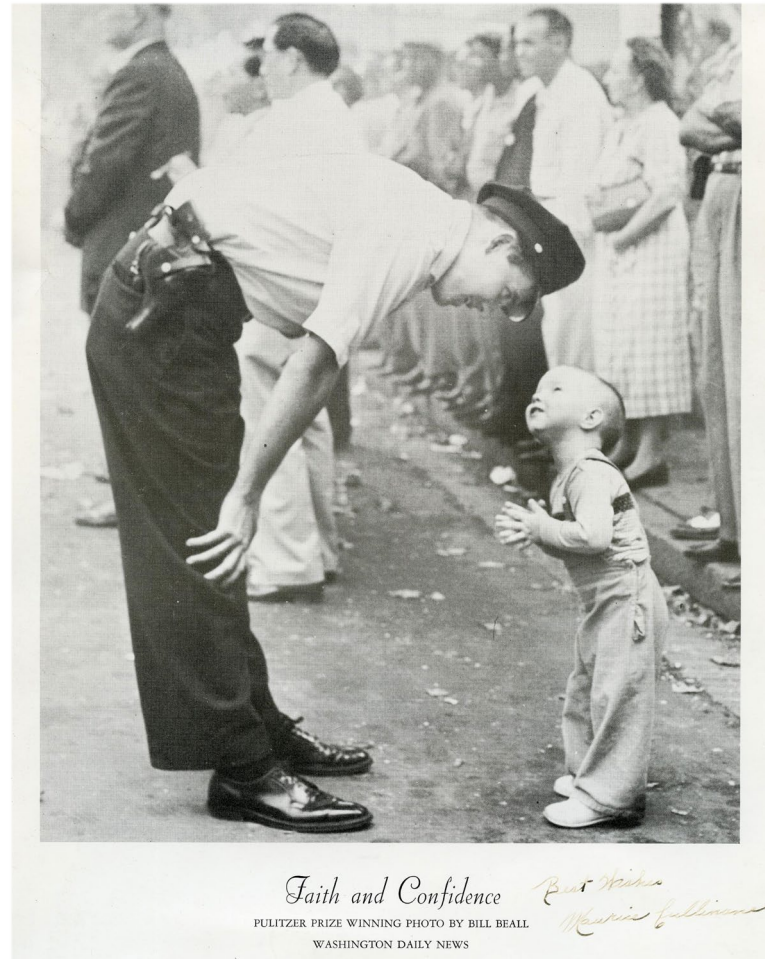
Incident 1 Pay/Comp

Incident 2 Pay/Comp

Incident 3 Pay/Comp

Projected Impact FY26 Budget

- Crime Reduction
- Community Satisfaction
- Strengthen Community Trust
- Improve Officer Safety and Morale



Future Considerations

Recruitment, hiring, retention

Technology and equipment

Establish Real Time Crime Center

Training facility

Questions?