



# Municipal Court Council Presentation

**PRESENTED BY JUDGE SHEILA KOLAR**

# City of Billings Municipal Court



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## Overview

Court of record since 1996

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

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Largest Criminal Court in the State of Montana

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2 Full Time Judges  
17 Full Time Employees  
1 Grant Funded Employee

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Over 12,000 Court Filings  
Adjudicated  
Over 29,000 Hearings Scheduled

Successful Move to New City  
Hall

## Fiscal Year 2025 Recap

36% Reduction in Failure to  
Appear Warrants

Court Automation

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## Identified Fiscal Challenges:

Treatment Court.

Pretrial Program.

Short Term Detention Facility.

Arraignment Court.

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## CGL Implementation Overview:

### Implemented

- Second Judicial Division
- Court Processes
- Court Automation
- Failure to Appear
- Stillwater Security
- Protective Orders
- Cases Involving Mental Competency

### In Progress

- Court Technology
- Jail Overcrowding
- Arraignment Court
- Failure to Comply
- Capacity for Continuous Improvement

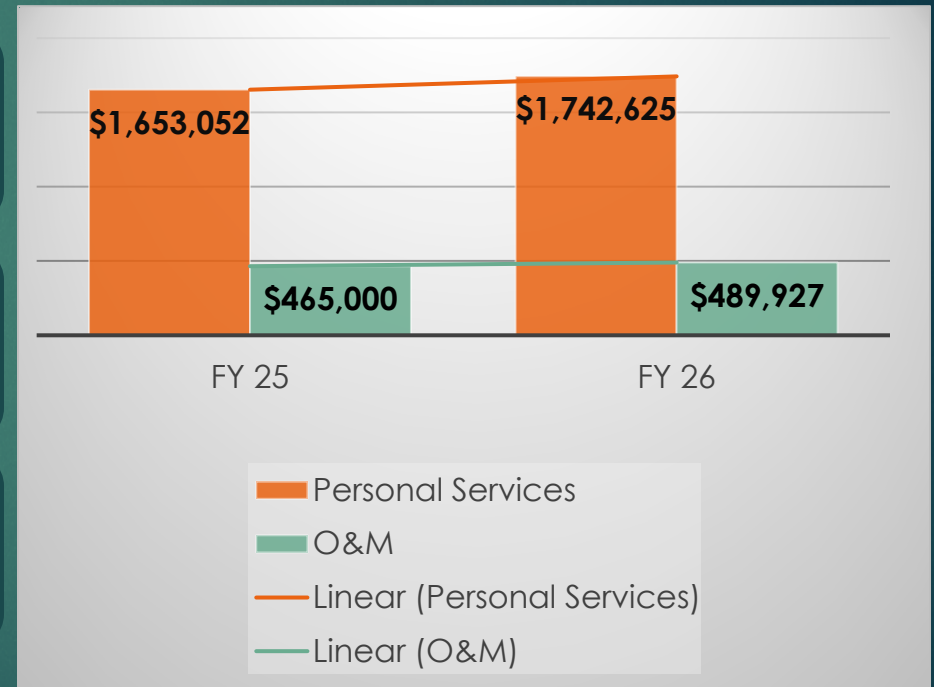
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## Court Budget Overview

**FY 25 - Court is estimated to come in under budget.**

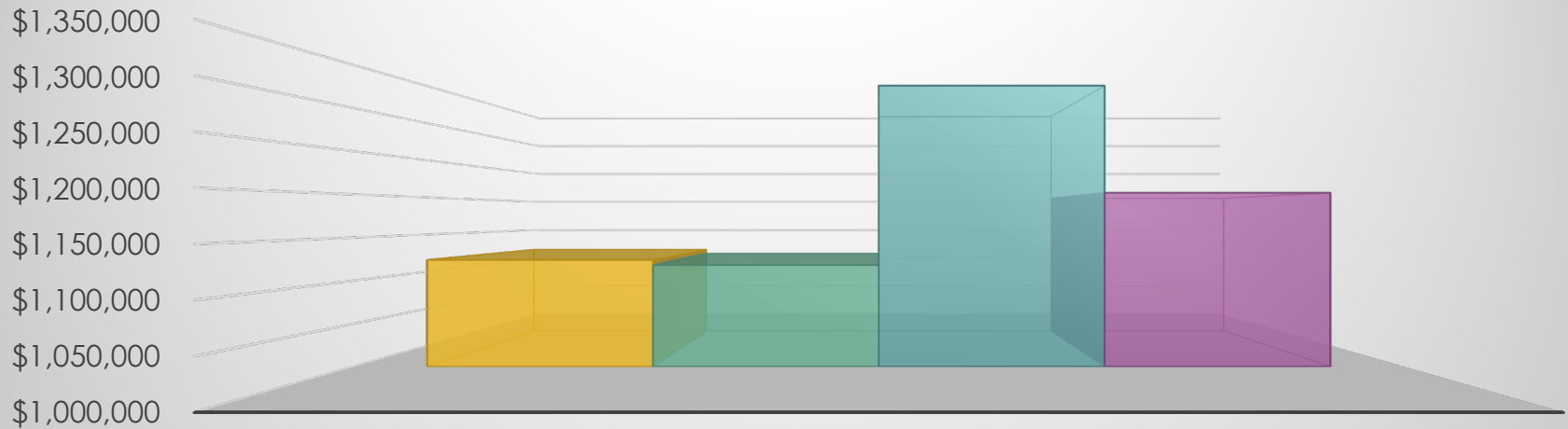
**FY 26 – 3% Increase personnel.**

**FY 26 - 5% Increase O&M.**



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## Court Fines & Fees



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■ FY 22	\$1,123,907
■ FY 23	\$1,117,918
■ FY 24	\$1,326,061
■ FY 25 YTD	\$1,201,879

■ FY 22   ■ FY 23   ■ FY 24   ■ FY 25 YTD

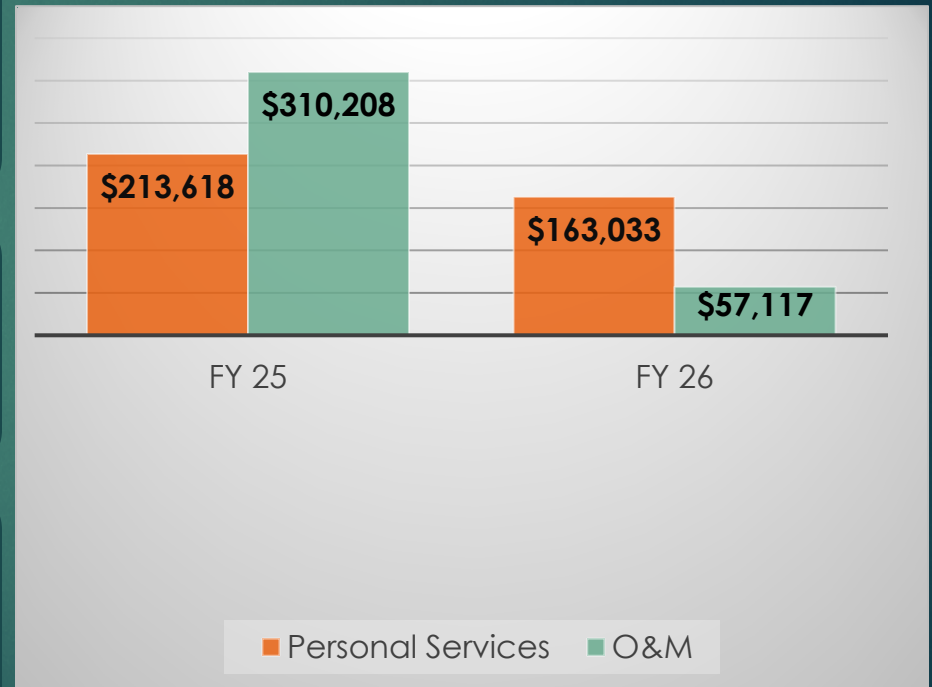
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## Grant Budget Overview

**Reduction due to decrease  
in federal funding for FY 26.**

**Grant extension approval  
for FY 26.**

**Working with State  
Agencies for Continued  
Funding.**



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## Co-Occurring Court 2020 - 2025

- 35 Enrolled
- 14 Graduates
- 14.3% Recidivism Rate Upon Graduates
- 17.5-month average length of program

## DUI Court 2020-2025

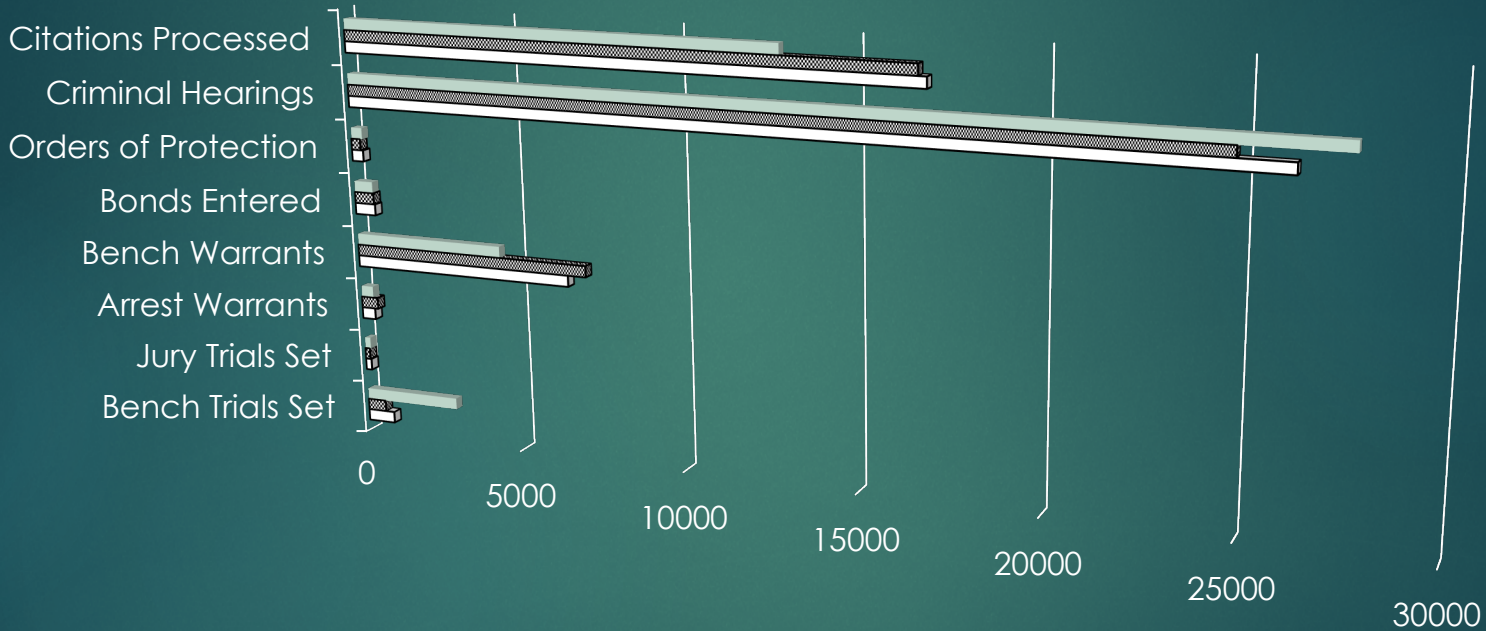
- 85 Enrolled
- 61 Graduates
- 6.6% Recidivism Rate Upon Graduates
- 16-month program, on average

## Drug Court 2020 - 2025

- 40 Enrolled
- 28 Graduates
- 14.3% Recidivism Rate Upon Graduates
- 16-month program, on average

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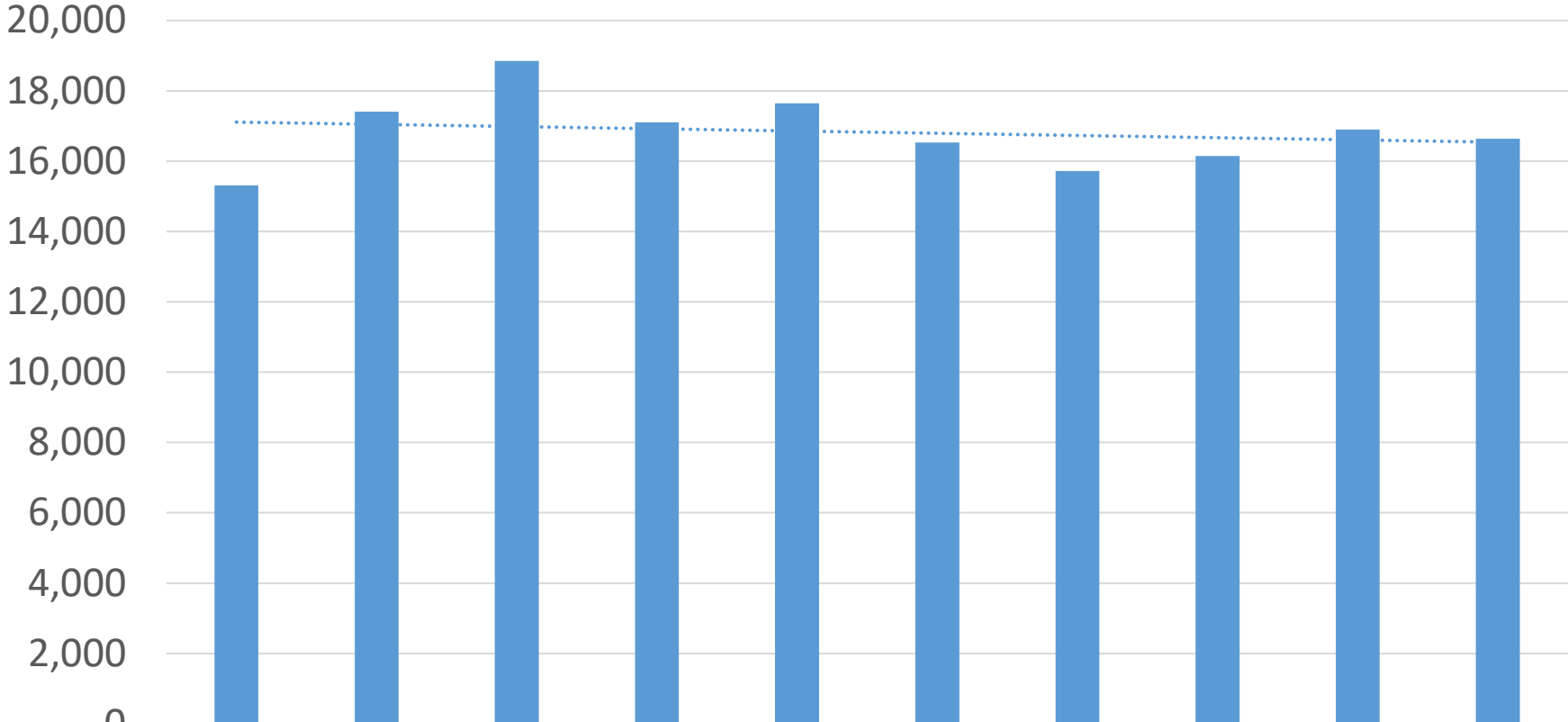
## Workload



	Bench Trials Set	Jury Trials Set	Arrest Warrants	Bench Warrants	Bonds Entered	Orders of Protection	Criminal Hearings	Citations Processed
■ FY 2025 YTD	2,875	177	370	4,494	568	341	27,608	12,901
▨ FY 2024	550	140	508	7,132	588	272	24,723	16,663
■ FY 2023	814	172	405	6,587	622	349	26,190	16,897

■ FY 2025 YTD   ▨ FY 2024   ■ FY 2023

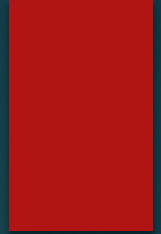
# Municipal Court 10 Year Case File History



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
■ Cases Filed	15,309	17,410	18,849	17,106	17,644	16,530	15,716	16,146	16,897	16,636

■ Cases Filed     ..... Linear (Cases Filed)

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**Q & A**