

HOW WILL THE LEVY FUNDS BE SPENT?

The funds will be used for the operational needs of the legal department, municipal court, fire department, and police department, as follows:

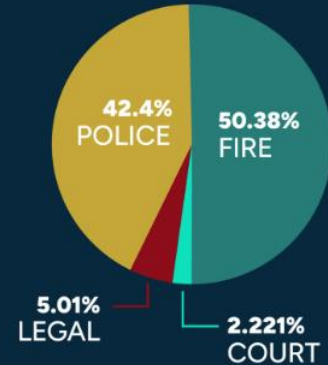
Fire Department \$5,283,560

Police Department \$4,676,745

Municipal Court \$232,000

Legal Department \$525,000

TOTAL \$10,717,305



HOW WILL THE BOND FUNDS BE SPENT?

The bond will be used to fund infrastructure needed to support the associated Public Safety Levy. The bond is not a permanent property tax increase.

Fire Department \$14,358,000

- Buy land and build Fire Station #5
- Buy-in to equipment revolving schedule (1X)

Police Department \$6,500,000

- Station renovation, to accommodate more staff

Legal \$317,000

- Office renovation, to accommodate more staff

TOTAL \$21,175,000

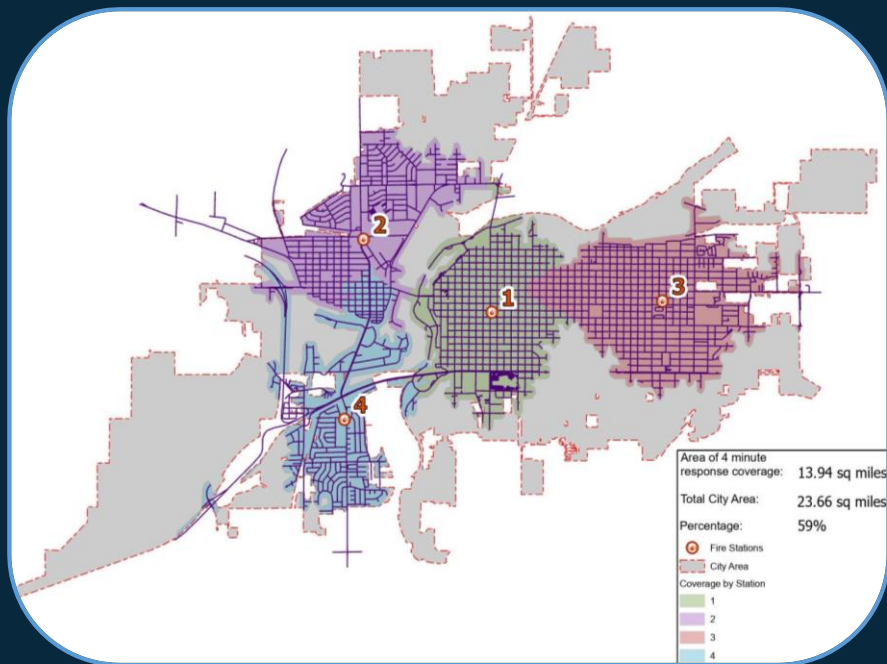
WHAT IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR?

32 New Firefighters	\$3,221,837
1 New Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention	\$141,950
Initial Equipment for 32 New Firefighters	\$403,200
Additional Annual Occupational Physicals	\$93,000
Additional Uniforms and Uniform Allowance	\$149,369
Additional Safety Equipment	\$100,762
Additional Building Maintenance	\$125,000
Apparatus Equipment Revolving Schedule	\$941,782
Pay Adjustments for New Station Promotions (engineers, captain, paramedic in charge)	\$106,661

Total Levy \$5,283,560

4 MINUTE RESPONSE TIME

With geographical growth and expansion, only 59% of the City falls within a 4 minute response time for fire and medical emergencies



15
Square
Miles

VS

27
Square
Miles

FIRE DEPT INSURANCE RATING CHANGE

GFFR recently received a lowered rating of 03/3X, from 02/2X, from the Insurance Services Office. The primary factor for the decreased rating...lack of proper geographical coverage

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Insurance rates increase
- Unprotected areas within the City will expand
- Subsequent audits will further lower the rating

HOW TO FIX IT

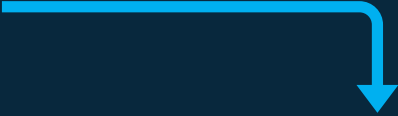
Build and staff an additional fire station, to increase coverage

WHAT HAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DONE TO REDUCE FISCAL IMPACT?

- Eliminated services for minor medical calls
- Operated with outdated equipment, gear, and apparatus
- Reduced *Fire Prevention Month* education in elementary schools
- Sought and received \$2,918,632 in grant funding (since 2016)
- Reduced training due to travel and overtime costs
- Entered into mutual aid agreements with 17 volunteer, rural, and military fire departments
- And more...

WHAT IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR?

24 New Police Officer Positions (includes)	\$2,650,000
Initial Equipment for 14 New Officers	\$155,652
Training for 14 New Officers	\$29,708
10 Additional Fleet Vehicles (8 Patrol + 2 SRO)	\$870,000
2 New 911 Dispatcher Positions	\$120,000
1 New 911 Work Station	\$400,000
1 Crime Intel Analyst (position new to the dept)	\$85,000
1 New Evidence Staff Position	\$85,000
1 New Records Staff Position	\$60,000



12 New Patrol Officers	\$1,260,000
4 New Patrol Supervisors	\$550,000
1 Crisis Intervention Officer	\$105,000
1 New HIDTA Task Force Officer	\$105,000
2 New General Case Investigators	\$210,000
2 New School Resource Officers	\$210,000
1 Safe Trails Task Force Officer	\$105,000
1 Special Victims Unit Investigator	\$105,000

Total Levy \$4,455,360

HOW DOES GFPD PRIORITIZE CALLS?

Currently, an officer spends approximately 1 hour per shift, in small increments, performing proactive patrol

CRIME – TRAFFIC – QUALITY OF LIFE

The reduction in proactive patrols results in...

- Fewer self-initiated traffic stops (speeding, reckless driving, DUIs, etc)
- A decrease in high visibility deterrence patrols through neighborhoods, in alleys, and near parks and schools
- Fewer community checks (officers entering businesses, often late at night, to check on security and ensure safety of employees and patrons)

WHAT HAS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DONE TO REDUCE FISCAL IMPACT?

ELIMINATED PROGRAMS

- DARE
- Law Related Education
- Motorcycle Unit
- K9 Unit
- Rotational Detective
- Special Projects Downtown Officer
- BRIC Officer
- Reduced DET personnel

ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCES

Grants

- 10-33 Program
- COPs
- COPS CIT
- JAG Justice Assistance
- BVP Bullet Proof Vests
- State Level Grants
- Misc Small Grants

Community Support (short list)

- Great Falls Police Community Foundation
- Downtown Association
- Exchange Club
- AvMax
- CMC Signs
- Dandelion Foundation

Officer Support

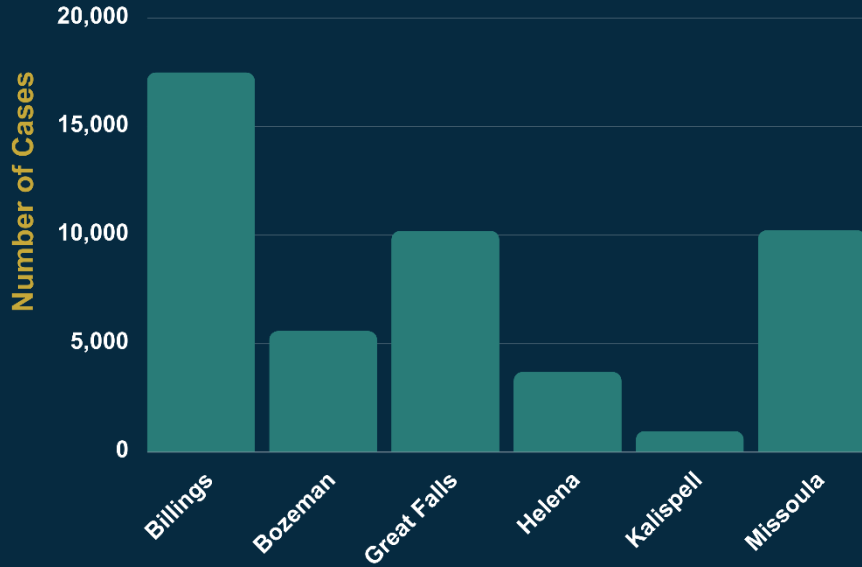
- GFPPA (officer's union)
- Donated hours for events

THE STATE OF CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

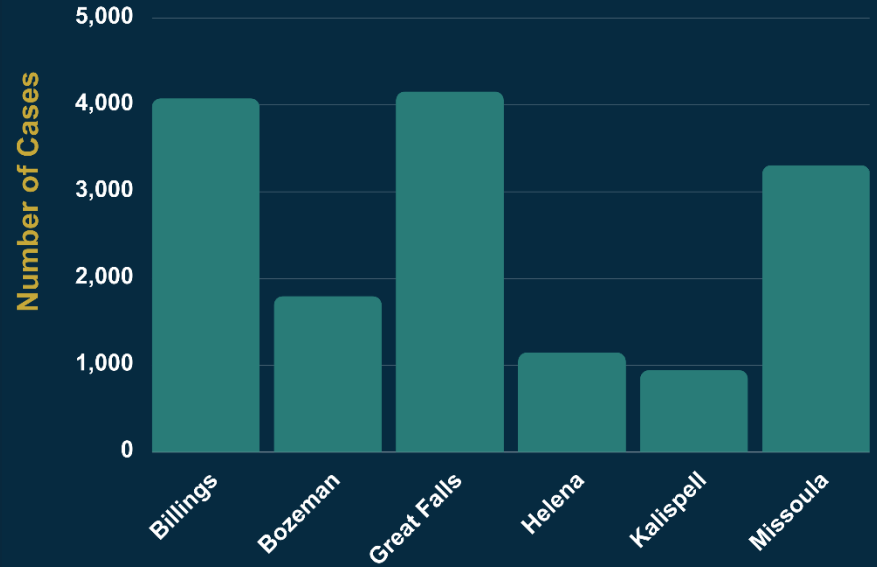
- Every victim deserves to be heard
- Need more prosecutors and staff to pursue justice for victims, hold offenders accountable, and contribute to stemming rising crime
- Largest number of criminal cases in the state (10,172 citations in 2022)
- One of the fewest numbers of City Prosecutors (3)
- Lack of staffing...
 - Hinders prosecutors' availability to lend the support crime victims deserve, including pursuing restitution
 - Impedes the justice system's ability to bring cases to trial within the short time allowed by law, limiting the number of cases accepted for prosecution, causing an increase in dismissals, and more lenient plea deals

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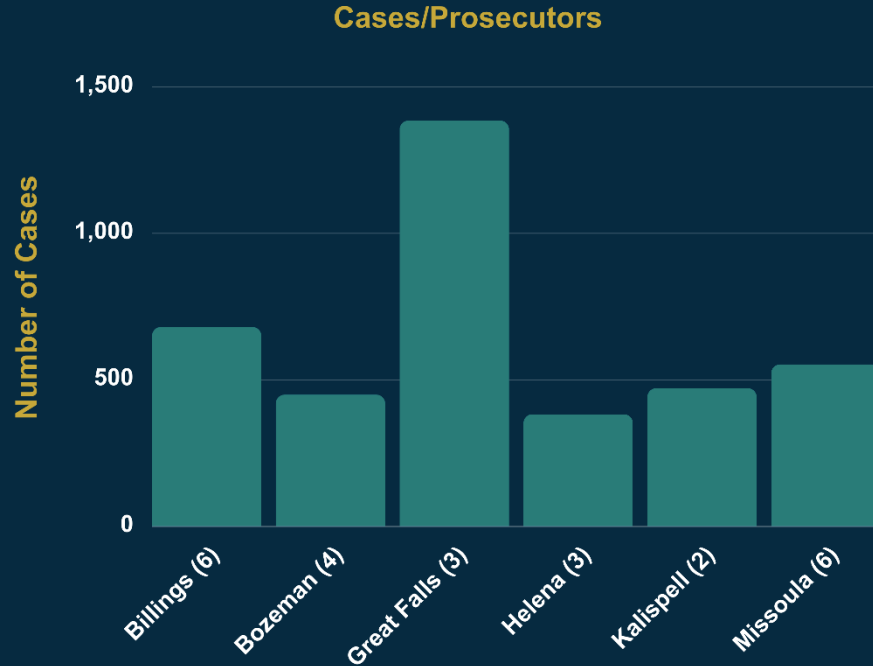
Total Cases
Crime/Ordinance/Traffic



Criminal Cases



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90 Minutes

- Review Cases
- Assemble Evidence
- Subpoena Witnesses
- Initial Appearance
- Motions
- Briefs
- Plea Negotiations
- Prepare for Trial
- Trial

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WHAT IS THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR?

Work flow of City Attorney's Office is impacted heavily by the number of officers on the street and will be affected by the addition of second municipal judge

1 Additional Prosecutor	\$125,000
1 Additional Criminal Paralegal	\$85,000
1 Additional Criminal Support Staff	\$75,000
1 Additional Civil Paralegal	\$90,000
1 Additional Civil Support staff	\$80,000
Prosecution Management Software	\$30,000
Related Accommodations, Equipment, and Training	\$40,000

Total Levy \$525,000

THE STATE OF MUNICIPAL COURT

5,000 names are pulled for jury duty each year and 100-150 summons go out every week. Court has seen a number of mistrials because it cannot seat juries, due to lack of compliance by those summoned.

Recently 60 community members were called for jury duty, 15 showed up. For a jury trial, the court must have 13 jurors. The Jury Clerk would manage the jury process, full time, increasing compliance.

The court has approximately 7,000 outstanding warrants at any given time. A Compliance Officer would aid in compliance from those with warrants and those with court orders and sentencing requirements, such as alcohol treatment and 24/7 alcohol testing for DUI offenders.

WHAT IS MUNICIPAL COURT ASKING FOR?

Work flow of Municipal Court is impacted heavily by the number of officers on the street. Requests reflect the projected impact of new GFPD officers on Judges and support staff.

1 Additional Jury Clerk	\$62,000
1 Additional Court Office Clerk	\$62,000
1 Compliance Officer	\$72,000
Related Accommodations, Equipment, and Training	\$36,000

Total Levy \$232,000

OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BUDGET PROCESS, WHAT HAS THE CITY DONE TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY?

- Reduced, eliminated, or capped General Fund support to...
 - Great Falls Development Authority
 - Library
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Planning and Community Development
 - Municipal band, fireworks, Christmas tree
 - Outside agencies who historically received funds

HOW HAS THE CITY USED *ARPA* AND *CARES* FUNDING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY?

Fire station doors	\$421,868
Fire truck rehab (3)	\$1,299,337
Miscellaneous fire equipment	\$88,410
Fire stations infrastructure	\$2,980,000
Police evidence building	\$4,500,000
Court remodel	\$3,500,000
Total ARPA/CARES	\$12,789,615

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