## City Attorney's Office

**Mission:** The mission of the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office is to fulfill its duty to represent the city in its legal affairs with integrity, professionalism, and collegiality.

<u>Integrity</u> means that we are loyal to the interests of the city and the laws under which it functions.

<u>Professionalism</u> means that we are thorough and creative in representing the interests of the city, respectful of the public process in which we function and courteous to all those with whom we interact.

<u>Collegiality</u> means working together, and with the elected and appointed officials to the city, to continuously seek improvements to the quality of legal services and the efficiency with which they are provided.

City Attorney 1.00 FTE

#### General Administrative and Technical Support

- Office management
- Budget Development

1.00 FTE

#### **Civil Division**

- General civil practice representing
- Mayor's Office
- City Council
- City Departments
- HRA
- PHA
- Port Authority
- Civil Enforcement
- Housing Court

19.50 FTE

#### **Litigation Division**

- Managing all civil litigation including federal and state court representation
- Compilation and submission of annual litigation report to Mayor, Council and Department and Office Directors
- Affirmative Litigation

10.50 FTE

#### **Criminal Division**

- Screening and charging of defendants
- Criminal appeals and postconviction matters
- Court and jury trials
- Domestic abuse enforcement
- Community Prosecution Program
- DWI Court
- Mental Health Court
- Joint Special Victims Unit
- Veterans Court

35.70 FTE

## 2018 Adopted Budget

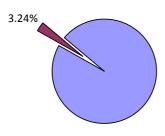
#### **City Attorney's Office**

#### **Department Description:**

The Office of the City Attorney strives to deliver outstanding legal services to the City by:

- Providing sound legal advice and superior legal representation to City officials to help them achieve their goals.
- Defending the City in civil litigation matters, limiting the City's liability exposure by offering recommendations to reduce future risks and liabilities, and aggressively prosecuting civil claims involving the collection of taxpayer monies, public nuisance abatement, and other initiatives that preserve the City's livability and public safety.
- Providing public safety and maintaining the City's livability by effectively prosecuting adult misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes in Saint Paul.

#### City Attorney's Portion of General Fund Spending



#### **Department Facts**

• Total General Fund Budget: 8,454,991

• Total Special Fund Budget: 1,486,497

• Total FTEs: 67.70

- The criminal division handles over 11,000 misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases per year.
- Legal settlements and judgments paid in 2016 total \$830,285.
- The civil litigation division defends approximately 90 cases each year.
- In 2016, 60% of the civil lawsuits concluded during the year were resolved by obtaining favorable judgments or dismissals without any payments by the City.

#### **Department Goals**

- Aligning CAO resources to City and departmental priority outcomes.
- Holding criminal offenders accountable.
- Improving neighborhoods by increasing code compliance and by decreasing nuisance properties.

#### **Recent Accomplishments**

- Served vulnerable victims in designated high lethality domestic cases via the Joint Special Victims Unit.
- With the addition of two victim witness coordinators, designed and implemented a more comprehensive approach to serving crime victims involved in cases prosecuted by the CAO.
- Continued leadership in addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system, as well as the continued leadership on race equity within the CAO by way of the CAO's Change Team.
- Continued to successfully offer alternatives to conviction for qualifying low-risk offenders via the St. Paul Diversion Calendar. Since March 2015, 248 cases diverted.
- Participated as an active member of the Mental Health Court, DWI Court, and Veterans Treatment Court staffing teams and the Treatment Courts Steering/Planning Committee.
- Ramsey County Veterans Treatment Court served 36 participants and celebrated 8 graduations in 2016.
- Ramsey County DWI court served 62 participants and celebrated 11 graduations in 2016.
- Ramsey County Mental Health Court continues to be a national learning site. In 2016, the court served a total of 53 participants and celebrated 7 graduations.

#### 2018 Adopted Budget

#### **City Attorney's Office**

#### **Fiscal Summary**

|                           | 2016<br>Actual | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | Change    | % Change | 2017<br>Adopted<br>FTE | 2018<br>Adopted<br>FTE |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| pending                   |                |                 |                 |           |          |                        |                        |
| 100: General Fund         | 7,791,421      | 8,276,653       | 8,454,991       | 178,338   | 2.2%     | 58.00                  | 58.15                  |
| 200: City Grants          | -              | 139,767         | 139,767         | -         | 0.0%     | 1.70                   | 1.70                   |
| 710: Central Service Fund | 1,350,676      | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555    | 1.2%     | 8.00                   | 7.85                   |
| Total                     | 9,142,097      | 9,746,595       | 9,941,488       | 194,893   | 2.0%     | 67.70                  | 67.70                  |
| inancing                  |                |                 |                 |           |          |                        |                        |
| 100: General Fund         | 912,863        | 937,980         | 138,282         | (799,698) | -85.3%   |                        |                        |
| 200: City Grants          | -              | 139,767         | 139,767         | -         | 0.0%     |                        |                        |
| 710: Central Service Fund | 1,289,056      | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555    | 1.2%     |                        |                        |
| Total                     | 2,201,919      | 2,407,922       | 1,624,779       | (783,143) | -32.5%   |                        |                        |

#### **Budget Changes Summary**

Spending changes in the City Attorney's Office (CAO) 2018 adopted budget are largely due to current service level updates and small staffing adjustments. The 2018 budget continues to fund the Victim Witness Advocate added in 2016, in order for CAO to continue ensuring that victims' rights are fulfilled throughout the criminal justice process and honor its commitment to extensive victim engagement under the terms of the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety. The 2018 budget will allow CAO to continue crucial activities such as the Joint Prosecution Unit, Community Prosecution Program, and Domestic Violence Blueprint, as well as general criminal, civil, and civil litigation activities. The 2018 budget also includes resources in the Citywide Technology fund to replace the civil/litigation case management system. Revenue changes in the 2018 adopted budget are mainly due to shifting continuance for dismissal revenues from CAO to the General Government budget.

100: General Fund City Attorney's Office

|  | _                         | Change       | Change from 2017 Adopted |      |  |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------|--|
|  | _                         | Spending     | Financing                | FTE  |  |
| Current Service Level Adjustments  |                           |              |                          |      |  |
| Current service level adjustments include the reallocation of personnel to better align staffing with corresponding FTE change in Fund 710.  | department operations     | . There is a |                          |      |  |
| Current service level adjustments  |                           | 178,338      | 302                      | 0.15 |  |
|  | Subtotal:                 | 178,338      | 302                      | 0.15 |  |
| Adopted Changes  |                           |              |                          |      |  |
| Continuance for Dismissal  |                           |              |                          |      |  |
| The 2018 adopted budget moves continuance for dismissal revenue from the City Attorney's Office budget. There is a corresponding revenue increase in the General Government Accounts budget. | e budget to the General ( | Government   |                          |      |  |
| Revenue shift  |                           | -            | (800,000)                | -    |  |
|  | Subtotal:                 | -            | (800,000)                | -    |  |
| Fund 100 Budget Changes Total  |                           | 178,338      | (799,698)                | 0.15 |  |

200: City Grants City Attorney's Office

City Attorney's Office began receiving a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Program (OJP) in 2016 to provide support for direct services to crime victims.

|                                     | _         | Change   | ed               |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|-----|
|                                     |           | Spending | <u>Financing</u> | FTE |
| No Changes from 2017 Adopted Budget |           | -        | -                | -   |
|                                     | Subtotal: | -        | -                | -   |
| Fund 200 Budget Changes Total       |           |          |                  |     |

710: Central Service Fund City Attorney's Office

Attorneys and support staff who support outside agencies and certain special fund departments are budgeted here. Agencies and departments are charged for the cost of services received.

|  | Change         | Change from 2017 Adopted |        |  |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
|  | Spending       | <u>Financing</u>         | FTE    |  |
| Current Service Level Adjustments  |                |                          |        |  |
| Current service level adjustments include the reallocation of personnel to better align staffing with department operation corresponding FTE change in the General Fund. | ns. There is a |                          |        |  |
| Current service level adjustments  | 16,555         | 16,555                   | (0.15) |  |
| Subtotal:  | 16,555         | 16,555                   | (0.15) |  |
| Fund 710 Budget Changes Total  | 16,555         | 16,555                   | (0.15) |  |

# **Spending Reports**

**Budget Year: 2018** 

### **CITY OF SAINT PAUL**

## Department Budget Summary (Spending and Financing)

Department: CITY ATTORNEY

|                                  |                 |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                  | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |
| Spending by Fund                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| CITY GENERAL FUND                | 7,471,441       | 7,791,421       | 8,276,653       | 8,454,991       | 178,338         |
| CITY GRANTS                      |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |
| CENTRAL SERVICE FUND             | 1,171,466       | 1,350,676       | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555          |
| TOTAL SPENDING BY FUND           | 8,642,907       | 9,142,098       | 9,746,595       | 9,941,488       | 194,893         |
| Spending by Major Account        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| EMPLOYEE EXPENSE                 | 8,185,558       | 8,549,936       | 9,127,005       | 9,320,876       | 193,872         |
| SERVICES                         | 381,687         | 469,405         | 509,334         | 510,014         | 680             |
| MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES           | 48,304          | 73,813          | 65,576          | 65,616          | 40              |
| OTHER FINANCING USES             | 27,358          | 48,944          | 44,680          | 44,982          | 302             |
| TOTAL SPENDING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT  | 8,642,907       | 9,142,098       | 9,746,595       | 9,941,488       | 194,893         |
| Financing by Major Account       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE        | 45,340          | 42,250          | 186,767         | 186,767         |                 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES             | 2,216,108       | 2,065,685       | 2,151,474       | 1,368,030       | (783,444)       |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE            | 20,000          | 20,040          |                 |                 | , ,             |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES          | 27,358          | 73,944          | 69,680          | 69,982          | 302             |
| TOTAL FINANCING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT | 2,308,806       | 2,201,919       | 2,407,921       | 1,624,779       | (783,142)       |

## **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department**

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND

Budget Year: 2018

|             |                                   | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | Change From<br>2017<br>Adopted |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Spending by | Major Account                     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                                |
| EMPLOYEE I  | EXPENSE                           | 7,110,984       | 7,330,985       | 7,812,264       | 7,990,602       | 178,338                        |
| SERVICES    |                                   | 319,116         | 403,074         | 422,433         | 422,393         | (40)                           |
| MATERIALS . | AND SUPPLIES                      | 41,342          | 57,362          | 41,956          | 41,996          | 40                             |
|             | Total Spending by Major Account   | 7,471,441       | 7,791,421       | 8,276,653       | 8,454,991       | 178,338                        |
| Spending by | y Accounting Unit                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                                |
| 10012100    | CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL OPS         | 7,471,441       | 7,791,421       | 8,276,653       | 8,454,991       | 178,338                        |
|             | Total Spending by Accounting Unit | 7,471,441       | 7,791,421       | 8,276,653       | 8,454,991       | 178,338                        |

### CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CITY GRANTS

. ind: CITY GRANTS Budget Year: 2018

|   | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted  | 2018<br>Adopted  | Change From<br>2017<br>Adopted |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spending by Major Account                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                                |
| EMPLOYEE EXPENSE SERVICES                 |                 |                 | 138,610<br>1,157 | 138,611<br>1,156 | 1<br>(1)                       |
| Total Spending by Major Account           |                 |                 | 139,767          | 139,767          |                                |
| Spending by Accounting Unit               |                 |                 |                  |                  |                                |
| 20012800 CRIME VICTIM SERVICES INITIATIVE |                 |                 | 139,767          | 139,767          |                                |
| Total Spending by Accounting Unit         |                 |                 | 139,767          | 139,767          |                                |

## **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department**

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE

Budget Year: 2018 **CENTRAL SERVICE FUND** 

|             |                                   | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | Change From<br>2017<br>Adopted |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Spending by | Major Account                     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                                |
| EMPLOYEE B  | EXPENSE                           | 1,074,575       | 1,218,950       | 1,176,131       | 1,191,663       | 15,532                         |
| SERVICES    |                                   | 62,571          | 66,331          | 85,744          | 86,465          | 721                            |
| MATERIALS A | AND SUPPLIES                      | 6,962           | 16,451          | 23,620          | 23,620          |                                |
| OTHER FINA  | NCING USES                        | 27,358          | 48,944          | 44,680          | 44,982          | 302                            |
|             | Total Spending by Major Account   | 1,171,466       | 1,350,676       | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555                         |
| Spending by | y Accounting Unit                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                                |
| 71012200    | CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERVICES        | 1,171,466       | 1,350,676       | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555                         |
|             | Total Spending by Accounting Unit | 1,171,466       | 1,350,676       | 1,330,175       | 1,346,730       | 16,555                         |



# **Financing Reports**

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Company: CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND

nd: CITY ATTORNET

Budget Year: 2018

|  |                 |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |
| Account Description                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 43632-0 PRECOURT DIVERSION             | 45,340          | 42,250          | 47,000          | 47,000          |                 |
| TOTAL FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE    | 45,340          | 42,250          | 47,000          | 47,000          |                 |
| 44105-0 CONTINUANCE FOR DISMISSAL      | 849,120         | 759,713         | 800,000         |                 | (800,000)       |
| 44125-0 DISTRICT ENERGY REG FEE        | (25)            |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 44215-0 COPIES                         | 1,427           | 1,611           | 1,300           | 1,300           |                 |
| 44590-0 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES         |                 | 400             |                 |                 |                 |
| 45510-0 REIMBURSEMENT INVESTIGATION    | 7,696           |                 | 20,000          | 20,000          |                 |
| 51175-0 ADMINISTRATION FEE             | 13,084          | 14,906          |                 |                 |                 |
| TOTAL FOR CHARGES FOR SERVICES         | 871,302         | 776,629         | 821,300         | 21,300          | (800,000)       |
| 55515-0 COUNTY SHARE OF COST           | 20,000          |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 55550-0 PRIVATE GRANTS                 |                 | 20,000          |                 |                 |                 |
| 55845-0 JURY DUTY PAY                  |                 | 40              |                 |                 |                 |
| TOTAL FOR MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE        | 20,000          | 20,040          |                 |                 |                 |
| 56235-0 TRANSFER FR CAPITAL PROJ FUND  |                 | 25,000          | 25,000          | 25,000          |                 |
| 56245-0 TRANSFER FR INTERNAL SERVICE F | 27,358          | 48,944          | 44,680          | 44,982          | 302             |
| TOTAL FOR OTHER FINANCING SOURCES      | 27,358          | 73,944          | 69,680          | 69,982          | 302             |
| TOTAL FOR CITY GENERAL FUND            | 964,000         | 912,863         | 937,980         | 138,282         | (799,698)       |

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Company: CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CITY GRANTS

Budget Year: 2018

|                                     |                 |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |
| Account Description                 |                 |                 | •               | •               | -               |
| 43101-0 FEDERAL GRANT STATE ADMIN   |                 |                 | 104,364         | 104,364         |                 |
| 43401-0 STATE GRANTS                |                 |                 | 35,403          | 35,403          |                 |
| TOTAL FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |
| TOTAL FOR CITY GRANTS               |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Company: CITY OF SAINT PAUL Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE FUND Budget Year: 2018

| TOTAL FOR CITY ATTORNEY            | 2,308,806       | 2,201,919       | 2,407,921       | 1,624,779       | (783,142)       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL FOR CENTRAL SERVICE FUND     | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |
| TOTAL FOR CHARGES FOR SERVICES     | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |
| 51245-0 LEGAL SERVICES             | 315,166         | 365,685         | 377,538         | 378,703         | 1,165           |
| 51240-0 SERVICES TO HRA            | 367,516         | 352,994         | 364,230         | 343,529         | (20,701)        |
| 51235-0 SERVICES TO PUBLIC HOUSING | 662,123         | 570,377         | 588,406         | 624,498         | 36,092          |
| Account Description                | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND

Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND Budget Year: 2018

|                                    |                 |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                    | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |
| Financing by Major Account         |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE          | 45,340          | 42,250          | 47,000          | 47,000          |                 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES               | 871,302         | 776,629         | 821,300         | 21,300          | (800,000)       |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE              | 20,000          | 20,040          |                 | ,               |                 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES            | 27,358          | 73,944          | 69,680          | 69,982          | 302             |
| Total Financing by Major Account   | 964,000         | 912,863         | 937,980         | 138,282         | (799,698)       |
| Financing by Accounting Unit       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 10012100 CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL OPS | 964,000         | 912,863         | 937,980         | 138,282         | (799,698)       |
| Total Financing by Accounting Unit | 964,000         | 912,863         | 937,980         | 138,282         | (799,698)       |

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CITY GRANTS

und: CITY GRANTS Budget Year: 2018

|                           |                                    |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |                 |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                           |                                    | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |  |
| Financing by              | Major Account                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE |                                    |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |  |
|                           | Total Financing by Major Account   |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |  |
| Financing by              | Accounting Unit                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |
| 20012800                  | CRIME VICTIM SERVICES INITIATIVE   |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |  |
|                           | Total Financing by Accounting Unit |                 |                 | 139,767         | 139,767         |                 |  |

### **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department**

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE **CENTRAL SERVICE FUND** Budget Year: 2018

|                      |                                    |                 |                 |                 | Change From     |                 |  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                      |                                    | 2015<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2017<br>Adopted | 2018<br>Adopted | 2017<br>Adopted |  |
| •                    | y Major Account                    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES |                                    | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |  |
|                      | Total Financing by Major Account   | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |  |
| Financing b          | y Accounting Unit                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |
| 71012200             | CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERVICES         | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |  |
|                      | Total Financing by Accounting Unit | 1,344,805       | 1,289,056       | 1,330,174       | 1,346,730       | 16,556          |  |

