# 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.

**Integrity** means that we are loyal to the interests of the city and the laws under which it functions. **Professionalism** 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. **Collegiality** 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

Total (67.70 FTE) 7/21/17

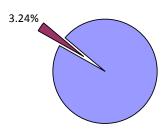
### 2018 Proposed Budget City Attorney's Office

### **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 Saint 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 Proposed Budget

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

### **Fiscal Summary**

	2016 <u>Actual</u>	2017 Adopted	2018 Proposed	Change	% Change	2017 Adopted FTE	2018 Proposed FTE
Spending							
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	938,282	302	0.0%		
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	2,424,779	16,857	0.7%		

### **Budget Changes Summary**

Spending changes in the City Attorney's Office (CAO) 2018 proposed 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 Saint 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.

100: General Fund City Attorney's Office

	Change	ed	
	Spending	Financing	FTE
Current Service Level Adjustments			
Current service level adjustments include the reallocation of personnel to better align staffing with department operations. T corresponding FTE change in Fund 710.	here is a		
Current service level adjustments	178,338	302	0.15
Subtotal:	178,338	302	0.15
Fund 100 Budget Changes Total	178,338	302	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	Change from 2017 Adopted  Spending Financing F			
		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	Financing	FTE	
Current Service Level Adjustments				
Current service level adjustments include the reallocation of personnel to better align staffing with department operations. To corresponding FTE change in Fund 100.	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 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	2017 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	2,168,030	16,556
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	2,424,779	16,858

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND

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

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CITY GRANTS

Fund: CITY GRANTS Budget Year: 2018

		2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2017 Adopted
Spending by	Major Account					
EMPLOYEE E	EXPENSE			138,610	138,611	1
SERVICES				1,157	1,156	(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

Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE FUND Budget Year: 2018

		2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2017 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

					Change From
Account Account Description	2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	2017 Adopted
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	821,300	
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	938,282	302

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

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

					Change From
	2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's	2017 Adopted
Account Account Description				Proposed	
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	2,424,779	16,858
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 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	2017 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 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	2017 Adopted
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	45,340	42,250	47,000	47,000	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	871,302	776,629	821,300	821,300	
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# **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department**

Department: CITY ATTORNEY Fund: CITY GRANTS

	2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2017 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

		2015 Actuals	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2017 Adopted
Financing b	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
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