

City Court Department Overview



Mission Statement

To serve the community and protect individual rights by providing fair and prompt administration of justice.

The following divisions are included in this department:

The **Judicial and Special Magistrates Division** adjudicates a range of legal cases, most of which do not require a jury trial. Key responsibilities include hearing and deciding cases involving traffic violations, DUIs, drug offenses, shoplifting, domestic violence, and other violations of the City code.

The **Administration Division** provides administrative leadership and operational support to ensure the effective functioning of the City Court. Key responsibilities include overseeing personnel, facilities, procurement, budgeting, contracts, and the court's technology infrastructure.

The **Judicial Support Services Division** provides clerical and logistical support to magistrates. Key responsibilities include assisting in courtroom operations, updating electronic case files, and managing the court's daily calendar.

The **Public Information Support Services Division** assists the public with processing and understanding court-related matters. Key responsibilities include offering information about court services, scheduling civil and parking hearings, processing court-ordered documents and payments, and supporting individuals seeking Orders of Protection or Injunctions Against Harassment.

The **Specialty and Problem-Solving Courts Division** manages and supports the court's Specialty and Problem-Solving Court programs while overseeing records management. Key responsibilities include assisting magistrates in courts focused on Domestic Violence, Homelessness, Mental Health, Community issues, and Veterans. The division also manages federal grants, handles record requests and appeals, and oversees digital case management processes.

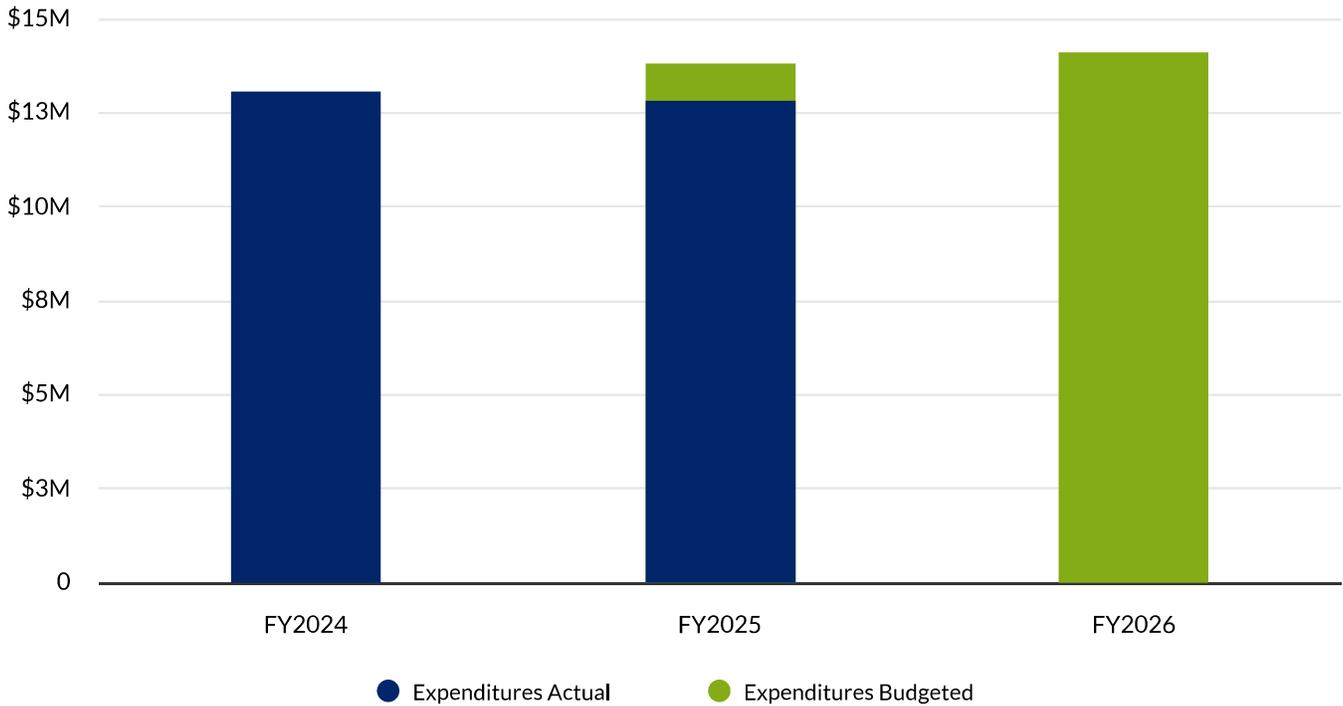
The **Grants Division** tracks and manages federal grants awarded to the court. Key responsibilities include maintaining a centralized location for monitoring grants supporting Specialty and Problem-Solving Courts.

Expenditure Summary

\$14,110,099

\$313,814 / 2.27% Higher Than the Prior Year's Budget

Historical Expenditures Across Department



Note: Amounts shown in the graphs are rounded up.

Significant Changes

The City Court's budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 are \$14.1 million, reflecting a 2.27% increase compared to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget of \$13.8 million.

In Fiscal Year 2025, actual expenditures totaled \$12.8 million, which was 2.05% lower than the prior period and represented 92.88% of the budgeted amount.

Trends

This signals a steady approach to resource planning that aligns expenditures with operational needs while maintaining fiscal stability.

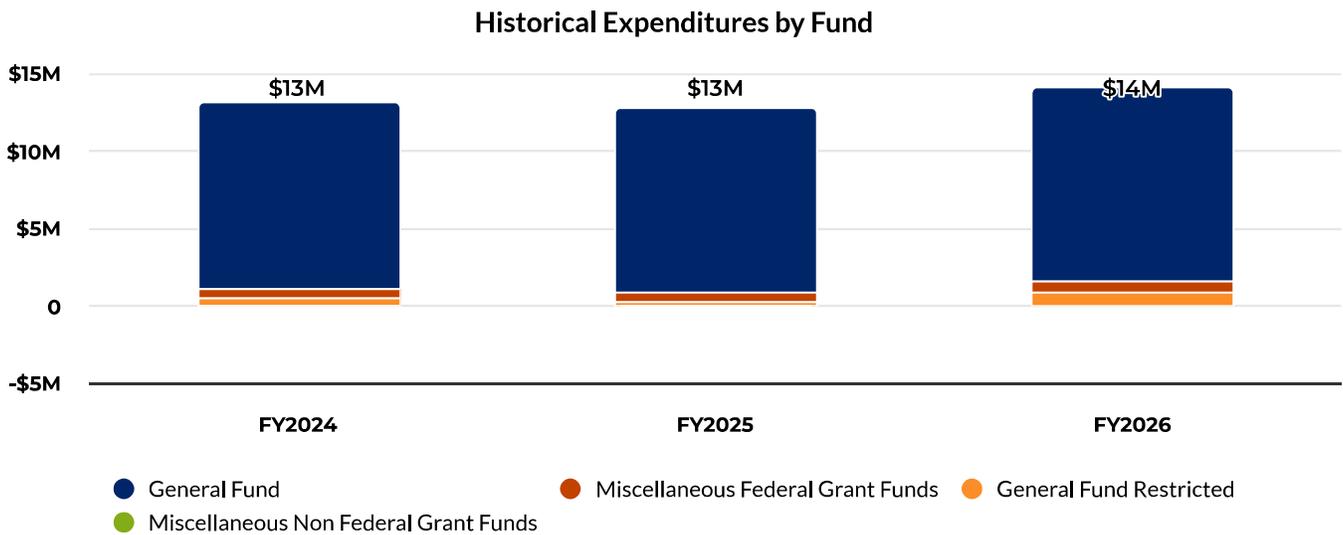
Expenditures by Fund

This chart shows a steady increase in expenditures over the last three fiscal years, with the General Fund serving as the primary funding source across all periods.

Fiscal Year 2024: Expenditures totaled \$13 million, with the majority funded through the General Fund, and smaller contributions from Restricted General Fund and Federal Grant Funds.

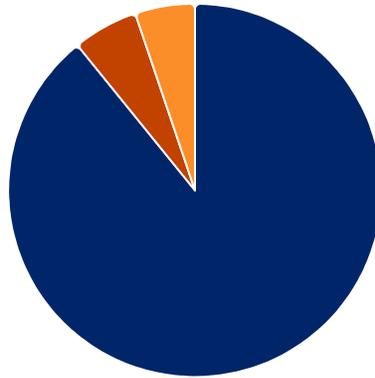
Fiscal Year 2025: Spending increased to \$13 million, reflecting a broader use of federal and non-federal grant funds, alongside continued support from the General Fund.

Fiscal Year 2026: Projected expenditures remain stable at \$14 million, maintaining similar proportions across the General Fund, Restricted Funds, and both federal and non-federal grants.



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Fiscal Year Expenditures by Fund



● General Fund	\$12,579,595	89.15%
● General Fund Restricted	\$800,000	5.67%
● Miscellaneous Federal Grant Funds	\$730,504	5.18%

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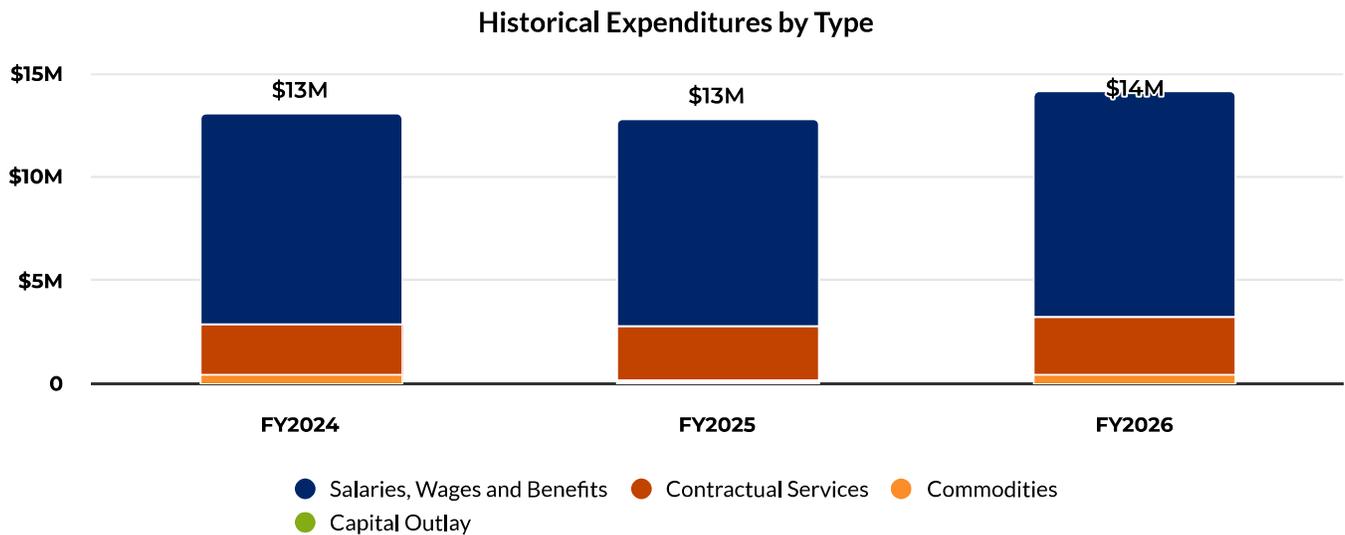
Expenditures by Type

This chart highlights the City of Tucson's allocation of expenditures by category over the past three fiscal years, showing consistent investment in personnel and support services.

Fiscal Year 2024: Total expenditures were \$13 million, with the majority allocated to Salaries, Wages, and Benefits, followed by Contractual Services. Minimal funds were used for commodities.

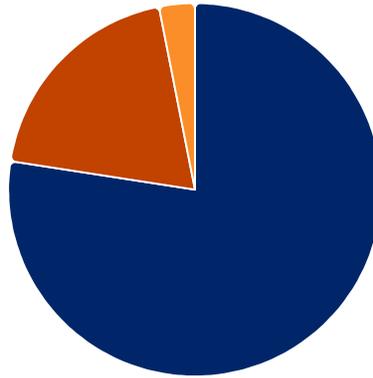
Fiscal Year 2025: Spending increased to \$13 million, reflecting growth in both personnel costs and Contractual Services, likely due to expanded program support or consulting needs.

Fiscal Year 2026: Expenditures are projected to remain at \$14 million, with a stable distribution—most funds continue to support staff compensation, followed by external service contracts and minor allocations to materials and equipment.



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Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures by Type



● Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$10,926,361	77.44%
● Contractual Services	\$2,747,628	19.47%
● Commodities	\$436,110	3.09%

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Expenditures by Cost Center

This chart illustrates how City of Tucson funding has been distributed across court-related cost centers over the past three fiscal years, highlighting the City’s ongoing commitment to equitable justice, accessibility, and efficient court operations.

For Fiscal Year 2026, the City Court’s total adopted budget is \$14.1 million, reflecting a 10.11% increase from the Fiscal Year 2025 adopted budget of \$12.8 million.

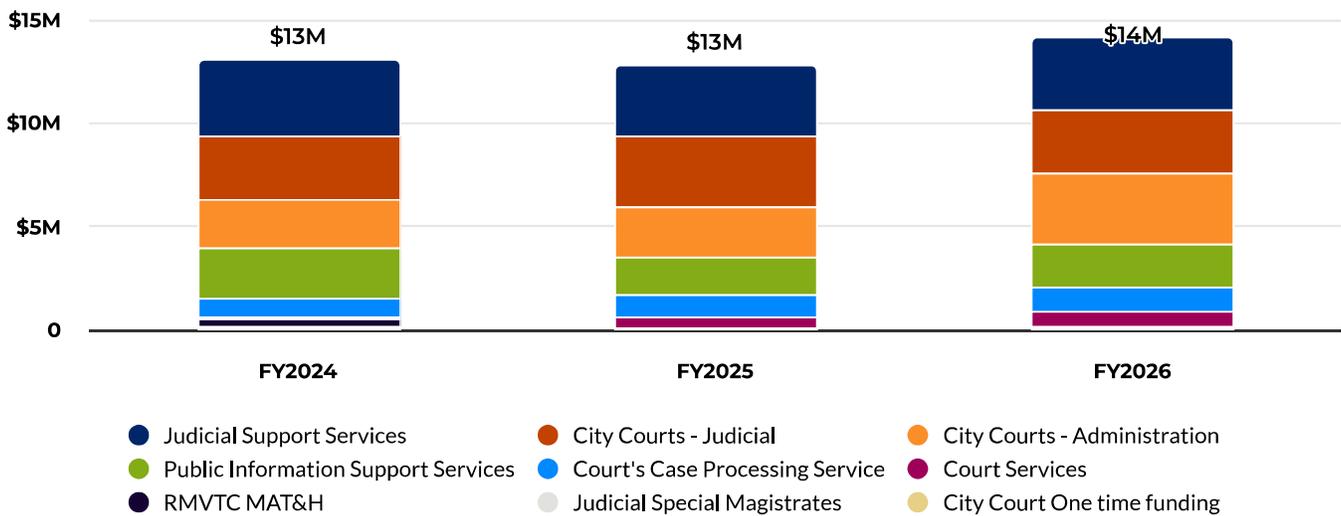
The total budget for City Court in Fiscal Year 2026 is \$14.1 million, reflecting a 10.11% increase from the previous year’s \$12.8 million. The largest cost center by value is Judicial Support Services at \$3.4 million, which accounts for 24.44% of the total and shows a slight increase of \$23,561 or 0.69% compared to the prior year.

City Courts – Administration experienced the most significant growth, rising by \$1 million or 43.92% to \$3.4 million, representing 24.2% of the total budget. In contrast, City Courts - Judicial decreased by \$382,897 or 10.96% to \$3.1 million, now making up 22.06% of the total expenditures.

Public Information Support Services increased by \$216,842 or 11.67% to \$2.1 million, comprising 14.71% of the budget. Court’s Case Processing Service also grew by \$155,464 or 14.82%, reaching \$1.2 million and 8.54% of the total. Court Services rose by \$196,789 or 36.87% to \$730,504, accounting for 5.18% of the budget.

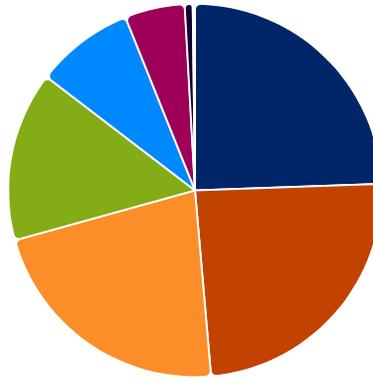
Judicial Special Magistrates increased by \$19,491 or 24.21% to \$100,000, representing 0.71% of the total. City Court One-time funding returned to \$25,000, after being zero in the previous year. RMVTC MAT&H remained at zero, continuing a 100% decrease from the prior year.

Historical Expenditures by Cost Center



Note: Amounts shown in the graphs are rounded up.

Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures by Cost Center



● Judicial Support Services	\$3,448,354	24.44%
● City Courts - Administration	\$3,414,020	24.20%
● City Courts - Judicial	\$3,112,239	22.06%
● Public Information Support Services	\$2,075,160	14.71%
● Court's Case Processing Service	\$1,204,822	8.54%
● Court Services	\$730,504	5.18%
● Judicial Special Magistrates	\$100,000	0.71%
● City Court One time funding	\$25,000	0.18%

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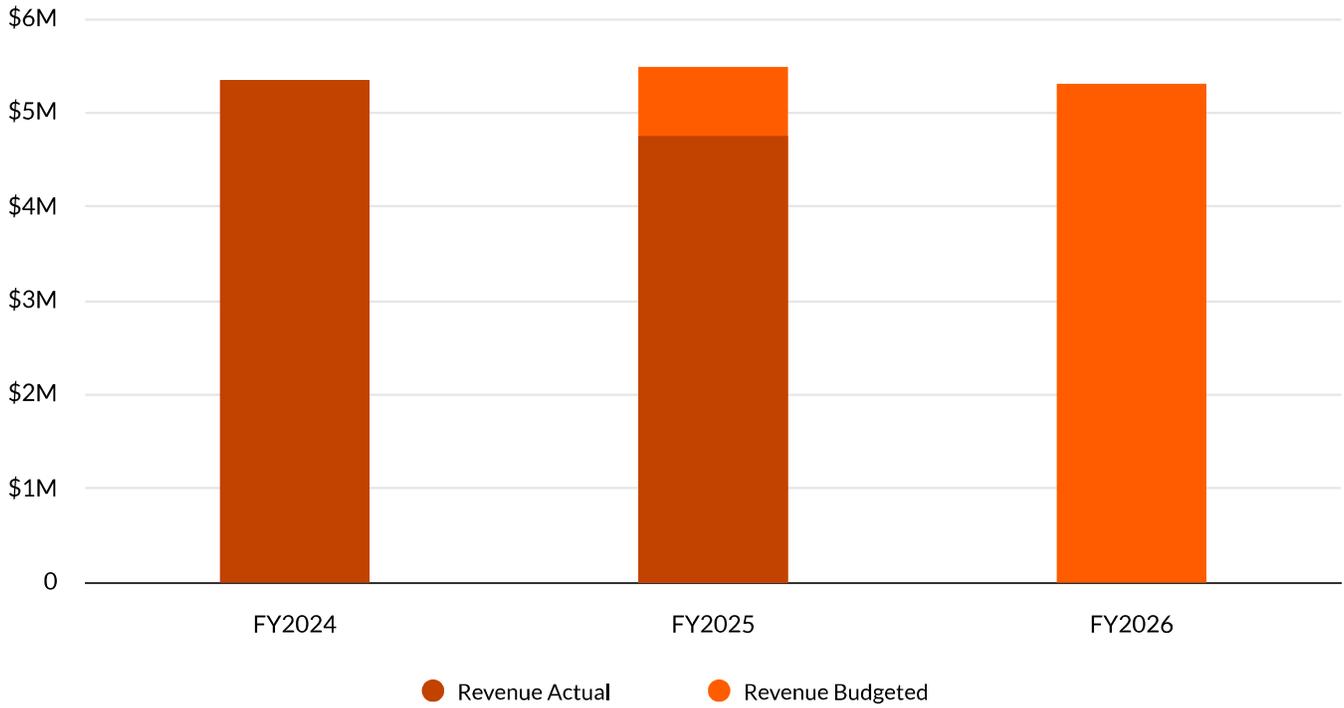
Revenue Summary

\$5,312,700

Includes Transfers In and Out

\$-163,897 / 2.99% Less Than the Prior Year's Budget

Historical Revenues Across Department



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Revenues by Fund

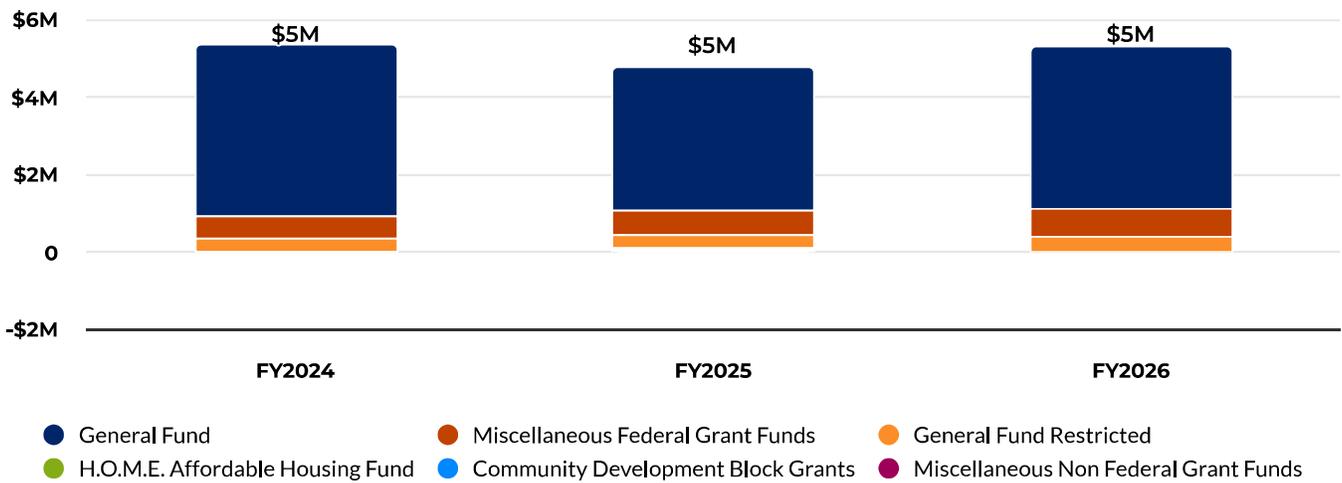
This chart illustrates the City of Tucson's revenue changes by funding source over the past three fiscal years, demonstrating overall stability with modest growth and a continued reliance on core City and federal funding sources.

Fiscal Year 2024: Total revenue was approximately \$5 million, primarily funded through the General Fund, with smaller contributions from Federal Grant Funds, Restricted General Fund, and Non-Federal Grants.

Fiscal Year 2025: Revenues stayed within \$5 million, largely due to reduced General Fund allocations, while grant funding levels remained relatively consistent.

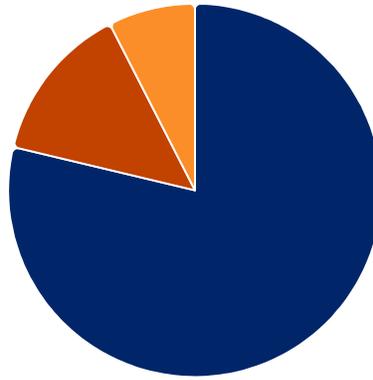
Fiscal Year 2026: Revenues are projected to stay at \$5 million, driven by increased support from the General Fund and a noticeable rise in Federal Grant Funds, helping to support program stability and future needs.

Historical Revenues by Fund



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Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues by Fund



● General Fund	\$4,182,200	78.72%
● Miscellaneous Federal Grant Funds	\$730,500	13.75%
● General Fund Restricted	\$400,000	7.53%

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Revenues by Funding Source

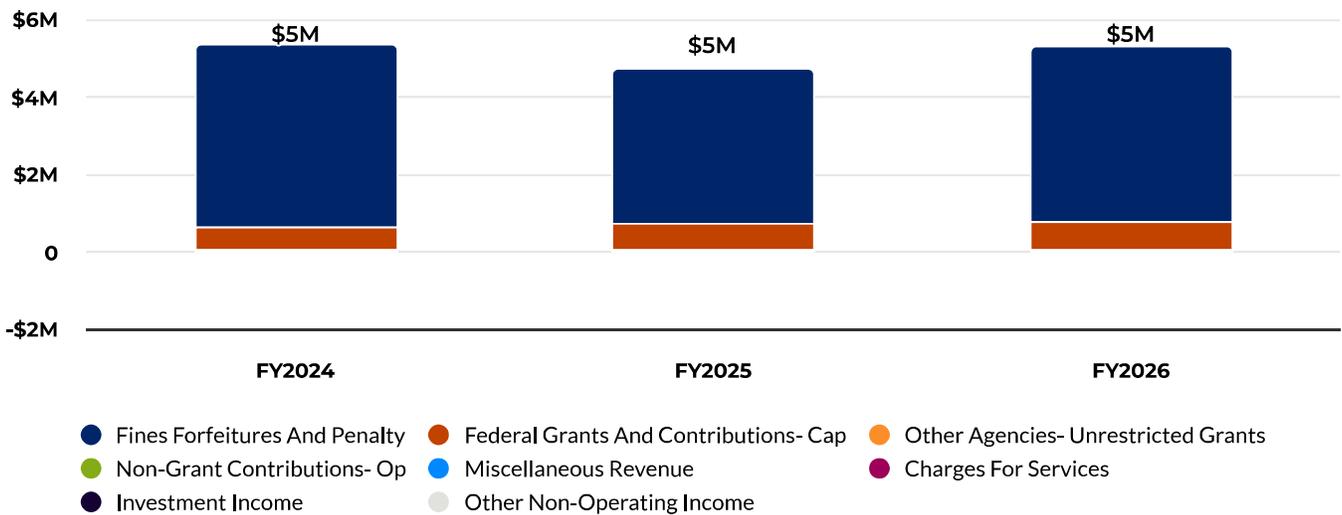
This chart highlights how the City Court's revenue sources have evolved over the past three fiscal years, maintaining a steady balance between General Fund support and federal funding while phasing out several one-time grant sources.

Fiscal Year 2024: Revenues totaled \$5 million, primarily driven by Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, with some additional support from Federal Capital Grants.

Fiscal Year 2025: Revenues stayed at \$5 million, with fines remaining the dominant source, and federal funding continuing to supplement core activities.

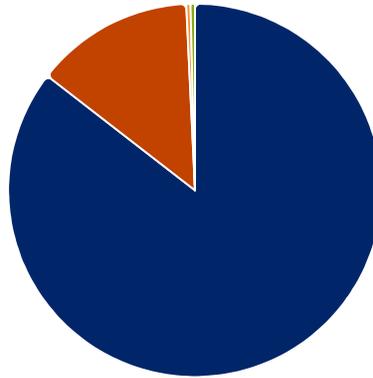
Fiscal Year 2026: Revenues are projected to stay at \$5 million, supported by a noticeable increase in Federal Grants and Contributions – Capital, helping to diversify funding sources while maintaining fines as a key contributor.

Historical Revenues by Revenue Type



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Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues by Funding Source



● Fines Forfeitures And Penalty	\$4,542,200	85.50%
● Federal Grants And Contributions- Cap	\$730,500	13.75%
● Miscellaneous Revenue	\$20,000	0.38%
● Other Agencies- Unrestricted Grants	\$20,000	0.38%

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Position Resources

Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted FTE Count

