



## 2023 Annual Budget - Overview and Highlights

**Department/Division:** Municipal Court  
**Budget Owner:** Municipal Court Judge Natasha Torry  
**Date:** 10/5/2022

**Proposed Budget for 2023:** Municipal Court

The Municipal Court accounts for the collection of court penalty costs and use of the funds for court operations and distribution to the City, State of Wisconsin, Sheboygan County, and Village of Kohler per Wisconsin statute 800.

### Department Goals for 2023:

- 1 To provide fair, equitable, timely, efficient and effective court services for residents of the City of Sheboygan and Village of Kohler
- 2 Manage disbursement of court penalty fines, forfeitures and court costs
- 3 Continue utilization of State Debt Collection through the Department of Revenue
- 4 Continue to collaborate with Sheboygan Area School District to implement truancy program
- 5 Continue to offer affordable community services, including free wedding ceremonies
- 6 Continue to maintain steady community outreach

### Highlights and Significant Changes

- Chart of Accounts conversion realigned Municipal Court with General Fund per State & Federal reporting guidelines. In 2021 the Court's Revenue Minus Expenses totalled \$310,984. In 2022 there's a 14.7% projected increase. In 2023 there's a 53.8% projected increase. This amount represents the courts contribution, after operating costs, to the general fund.
- 2 Court Penalty Costs (451110) - A large portion of this revenue account has been moved to a pass-through balance sheet account. These funds are collected by the court and then disbursed to the Municipality, the County & the State.
  - 3 Contracted Services (531100) - Funds collected as a revenue and disbursed to the Municipality, the County & the State were removed from this fund & moved to a pass-through balance sheet account, \$1600 decrease from discontinuation of Lexis Nexis; this fund now includes copier charges & interpreter fees.
  - 4 Software Maintenance (533106) - 3% increase in TIPSS software subscription.
  - 5 Tools & Small Equipment (560255) - \$1500 for Judge's updated computer equipment in 2023 (offset by Lexis Nexis discontinuation).