



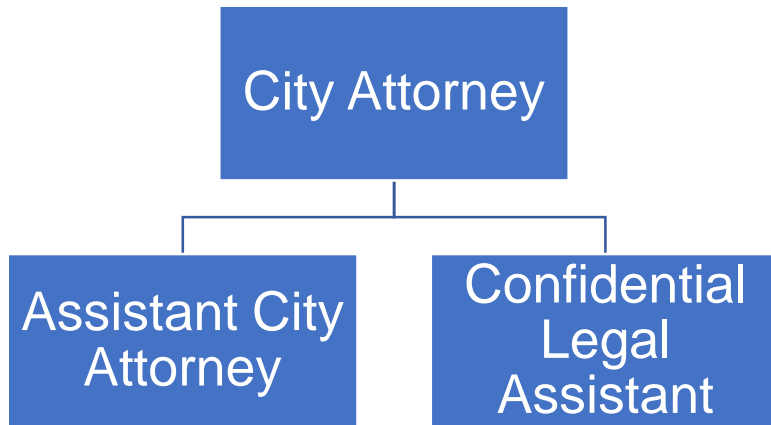
Legal Department Workload & Outside Counsel Overview

**Dena Burke
City Attorney**

Legal Department Structure



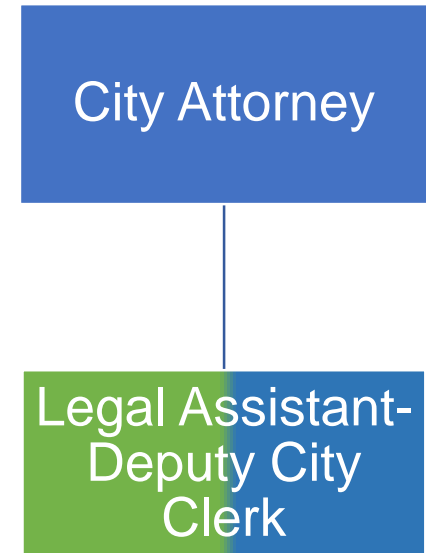
2019-2023



2023-2024



2025-Present



- March-August 2025 Legal Assistant-Deputy City Clerk position vacant

Legal Department Costs

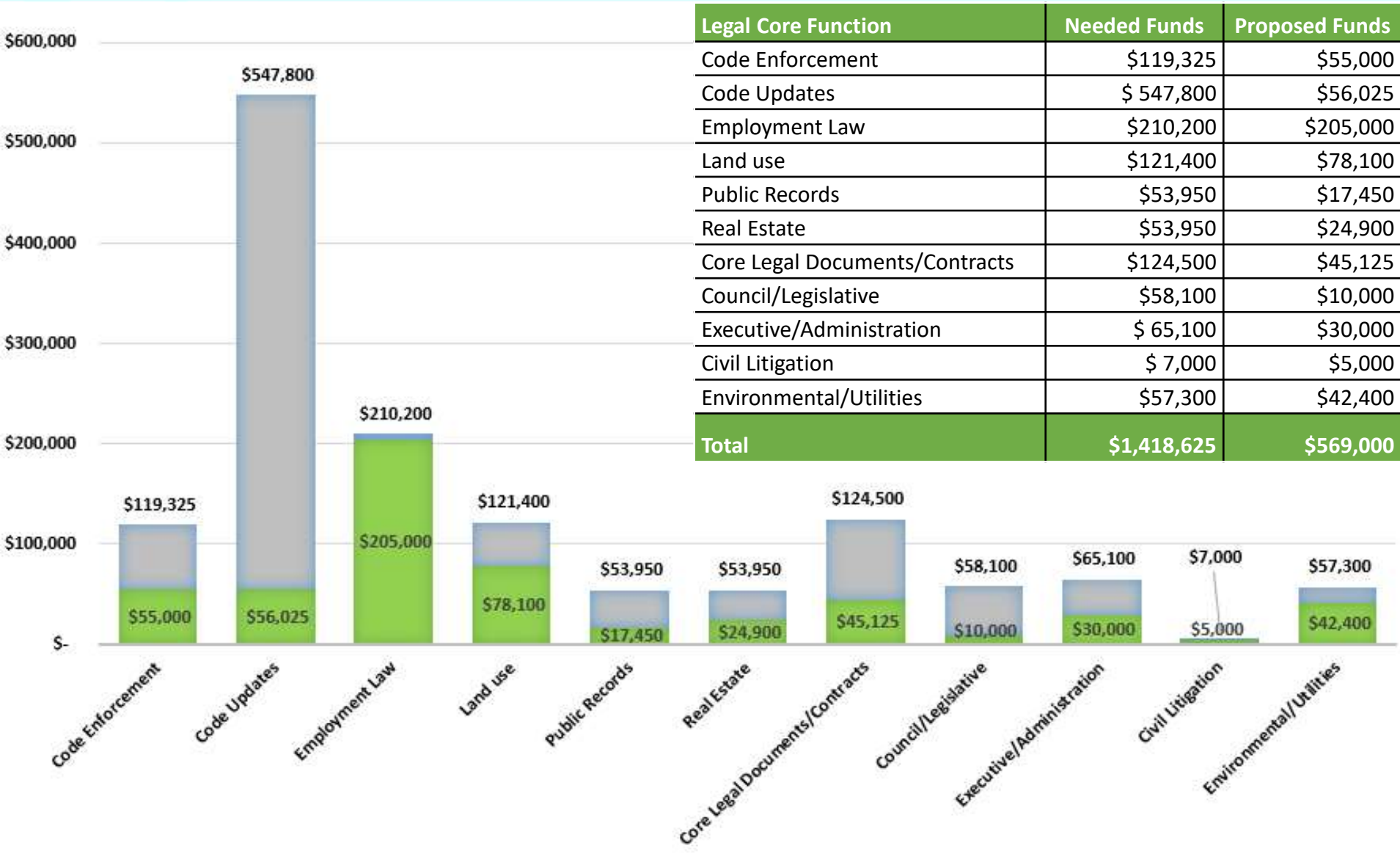


Description	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
In-House Legal	\$579,109	\$616,825	\$439,764	\$168,391	\$284,712	\$346,614
Outside Unusual Items					\$90,539	
Outside Budget (Remaining)					\$253,547	\$186,000
2026 Additional Request						\$383,000
Outside Counsel Total	\$42,028	\$160,408	\$344,806	\$693,895	\$344,086	\$569,000
Total Legal	\$621,136	\$777,233	\$784,570	\$862,286	\$628,799	\$915,614
Total (Adjusted to 2025)	\$776,097	\$928,194	\$860,735	\$893,162	\$628,799	\$891,844

2023 included \$83k vacation payouts due to staff departing the City
 2024 Deputy City Clerk-Legal Assistant position placed as Internal for budget purposes



Proposed and Needed Funds





Request

- **Background:** From 2022 to present, the municipal legal landscape has increased in complexity while the City's Legal Department budget has been reduced.
- **Request:** To enable support of City functions, allocate an additional \$383,000 for outside counsel. Delay all other projects and programs involving Legal Department until 2027.
- **Additional Request:** To enable support of an emergent land use issue, allocate an additional \$50,000 for outside counsel.