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The proposed budget would add \$500,000 in GSF to reduce misdemeanor caseloads for public defenders. The proposal recognizes the need for the City to comply with new 2015 public defender caseload staffing standards pursuant to a 2012 Supreme Court ruling. The City will need to pay the full, actual cost of public defenders working on City misdemeanor cases.

The City will be obligated to pay the full cost of public defense related to misdemeanor offenses. However, there is uncertainty about the projected costs, as the projected costs are dependent on a forecasted number of misdemeanor cases that are filed and prosecuted. The number of misdemeanor cases fluctuates from year to year, and there has not been a linear trend over the past five years.

CBO estimates that 2015 costs will increase between \$260,000 and \$500,000 above the base budget, and the proposed budget adds \$500,000 to pay for the high end of this range. This green sheet cuts \$120,000 GSF from the Mayor's proposed add by assuming a mid-range estimate of \$380,000 instead of \$500,000.

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Budget Action Transactions

Budget Action Title: Reduce GSF funding by \$120,000 in Criminal Justice Contracted Services in 2015 for Indigent Defense Services

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut CJCS spending by \$120,000				CJCS	Indigent Defense Services	VJ500	00100	2015		(\$120,000)