
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

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Table AG0-1

Description	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,879,606	\$3,516,310	\$3,977,407	\$4,207,607	5.8
FTEs	18.6	22.3	25.0	25.0	0.0
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The District of Columbia's Board of Elections and Government Accountability (BEGA) is responsible for overseeing the Office of Government Ethics and the Office of Open Government. The Office of Government Ethics administers and enforces the District of Columbia Code of Conduct. The Office of Open Government is responsible for enforcing the Open Meetings Act and providing advice on the proper implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Summary of Services

Specifically, BEGA is responsible for:

- Investigating alleged violations of the Code of Conduct, holding adversarial hearings and, where appropriate, levying sanctions;
- Issuing Advisory Opinions, providing “safe-harbor” for good-faith reliance on these opinions;
- Issuing Advisory Opinions on its own initiative;
- Conducting mandatory ethics training for District government employees;
- Updating and maintaining the District Ethics Manual;
- Receiving and reviewing public financial disclosure statements from public officials and certification statements from Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners;
- Overseeing compliance of certain government employees who must file confidential financial disclosure statements with their agency heads;
- Receiving and auditing lobbyist registration forms and lobbyist activity reports;
- Issuing binding opinions on compliance with the Open Meetings Act;
- Monitoring and providing advice on District agencies' compliance with the Freedom of Information Act; and
- Assisting government agencies in the implementation of open government policies and practices.

The agency's FY 2024 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2024 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-2 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual data.

Table AG0-2

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change*	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change
Appropriated Fund												
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	2,880	3,460	3,780	3,938	158	4.2	18.6	21.7	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	0	56	197	270	72	36.5	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	2,880	3,516	3,977	4,208	230	5.8	18.6	22.3	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	2,880	3,516	3,977	4,208	230	5.8	18.6	22.3	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Note: If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private) and Special Purpose Revenue type, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2024 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table AG0-3 contains the approved FY 2024 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual expenditures.

Table AG0-3

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Percentage Change*
Comptroller Source Group						
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	1,664	2,031	2,720	2,821	100	3.7
12 - Regular Pay - Other	180	184	185	198	13	6.8
13 - Additional Gross Pay	57	169	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	433	487	659	703	44	6.7
15 - Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	2,334	2,870	3,564	3,721	157	4.4
20 - Supplies and Materials	8	9	10	10	0	0.0
31 - Telecommunications	3	7	3	3	0	0.0
40 - Other Services and Charges	528	624	380	453	72	19.0
41 - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	6	6	20	20	0	0.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	546	646	413	486	73	17.6
GROSS FUNDS	2,880	3,516	3,977	4,208	230	5.8

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table AG0-4 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

Table AG0-4

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023
(1000) OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT										
(1100) Office of Open Government	747	990	1,070	1,101	31	5.7	6.6	7.0	7.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (1000) OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT	747	990	1,070	1,101	31	5.7	6.6	7.0	7.0	0.0
(2000) BOARD OF ETHICS										
(2010) Board of Ethics	2,133	2,526	2,907	3,106	199	12.8	15.7	18.0	18.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (2000) BOARD OF ETHICS	2,133	2,526	2,907	3,106	199	12.8	15.7	18.0	18.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	2,880	3,516	3,977	4,208	230	18.6	22.3	25.0	25.0	0.0

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2024 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. "No Activity Assigned" indicates budget or actuals that are recorded at the division/program level.

Program Description

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability operates through the following 2 programs:

Office of Open Government – Receives and resolves all Open Meetings Act complaints against public bodies; oversees compliance of public bodies and enforces all requirements of the Open Meetings Act; issues advice to public bodies on compliance with the Open Meetings Act; issues advice to District government agencies on compliance with the Freedom of Information Act; conducts mandatory trainings for the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act; and provides policy recommendations to government agencies on transparency best practices.

Board of Ethics – Receives, investigates, assesses, and adjudicates violations of the Code of Conduct; provides mandatory ethics training; issues rules and regulations governing the ethical conduct of employees and public officials; provides ethics guidance and safe harbor advice to government employees; provides for anonymous and confidential receipt of information related to violations of the Code of Conduct or other information with regard to its administration or enforcement; oversees all lobbyist registration and activity in the District; and oversees and enforces all Financial Disclosure Statement filing by District public officials and government employees.

Program Structure Change

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability has no program structure changes in the FY 2024 approved budget.

FY 2023 Approved Budget to FY 2024 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2023 approved budget and the FY 2024 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2024 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table AG0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		3,780	24.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Recurring Budget		3,780	24.0
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	158	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget		3,938	24.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 District's Approved Budget		3,938	24.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		197	1.0
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	Board of Ethics	72	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget		270	1.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2024 District's Approved Budget		270	1.0
GROSS FOR AG0 - BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY		4,208	25.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2024 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table AG0-6 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by fund compared to the FY 2023 approved budget.

Table AG0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
Local Funds	\$3,779,946	\$3,938,065	4.2
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$197,461	\$269,542	36.5
GROSS FUNDS	\$3,977,407	\$4,207,607	5.8

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: BEGA's FY 2024 Local funds budget proposal includes an increase of \$158,119 to reflect projected salary steps and Fringe Benefits costs across multiple programs.

In Special Purpose Revenue funds, the agency proposes an increase of \$72,081 in the Board of Ethics program to align resources with projected revenues, which will be used to support professional service costs.

District's Approved Budget

No Change: The DC Board of Ethics and Government Accountability budget proposal reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's approved budget.