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# Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

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**Table AG0-1**

<b>Description</b>	<b>FY 2020 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2021 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022 Approved</b>	<b>FY 2023 Approved</b>	<b>% Change from FY 2022</b>
OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,471,078	\$2,879,606	\$3,705,105	\$3,977,407	7.3
FTEs	15.2	18.6	24.0	25.0	4.2
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 Ethics 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 2023 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

## FY 2023 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-2 contains the approved FY 2023 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2022 approved budget. It also provides FY 2020 and FY 2021 actual data.

**Table AG0-2**

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022	% Change*	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022	% Change
<b>Appropriated Fund</b>												
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>												
Local Funds	2,471	2,880	3,517	3,780	263	7.5	15.2	18.6	23.0	24.0	1.0	4.3
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	0	0	188	197	10	5.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>

\*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 2023 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

## FY 2023 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table AG0-3 contains the approved FY 2023 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2022 approved budget. It also provides FY 2020 and FY 2021 actual expenditures.

**Table AG0-3**

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022	Percentage Change*
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	1,454	1,664	2,468	2,720	252	10.2
12 - Regular Pay - Other	177	180	181	185	5	2.5
13 - Additional Gross Pay	73	57	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	389	433	614	659	45	7.3
15 - Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
<b>SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>9.2</b>
20 - Supplies and Materials	7	8	12	10	-2	-13.8
31 - Telecommunications	4	3	0	3	3	N/A
40 - Other Services and Charges	366	528	426	380	-46	-10.8
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	0	6	5	20	15	300.0
<b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-6.6</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>7.3</b>

\*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

## FY 2023 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table AG0-4 contains the approved FY 2023 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2022 approved budget. It also provides FY 2020 and FY 2021 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 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022
<b>(1000) OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT</b>										
(1100) Office of Open Government	493	747	970	1,070	100	3.7	5.7	7.0	7.0	0.0
<b>SUBTOTAL (1000) OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(2000) BOARD OF ETHICS</b>										
(2010) Board of Ethics	1,979	2,133	2,735	2,907	172	11.5	12.8	17.0	18.0	1.0
<b>SUBTOTAL (2000) BOARD OF ETHICS</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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

**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2023 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 2023 approved budget.

## FY 2022 Approved Budget to FY 2023 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2022 approved budget and the FY 2023 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2023 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

**Table AG0-5**

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2022 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>3,517</b>	<b>23.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Recurring Budget</b>		<b>3,517</b>	<b>23.0</b>
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	67	0.0
Decrease: To realize savings in nonpersonal services	Multiple Programs	-29	0.0
Enhance: To support the reclassification of personnel	Office of Open Government	65	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>3,620</b>	<b>23.0</b>
Enhance: To support additional FTE(s)	Board of Ethics	160	1.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>3,780</b>	<b>24.0</b>
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2022 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Board of Ethics	10	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>197</b>	<b>1.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2023 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>197</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>GROSS FOR AG0 - BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY</b>		<b>3,977</b>	<b>25.0</b>

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**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2023 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

## FY 2023 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table AG0-6 contains the approved FY 2023 budget by fund compared to the FY 2022 approved budget.

**Table AG0-6**

Appropriated Fund	FY 2022 Approved	FY 2023 Approved	% Change from FY 2022
Local Funds	\$3,517,217	\$3,779,946	7.5
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$187,888	\$197,461	5.1
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,705,105</b>	<b>\$3,977,407</b>	<b>7.3</b>

### Recurring Budget

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability's budget reflects no change from the FY 2022 approved budget to the FY 2023 recurring budget.

**Mayor's Proposed Budget**

**Increase:** BEGA's budget proposal includes increases of \$67,016 in Local funds, and \$9,573 in Special Purpose Revenue funds. These adjustments reflect projected salary, step, and Fringe Benefits costs for current personnel.

**Decrease:** In Local funds, the budget proposal reflects a net decrease of \$29,447 across multiple programs, primarily in professional service fees.

**Enhance:** The Office of Open Government program will receive an additional \$65,000 in Local funds, which will be used to support the reclassification of applicable positions.

**District's Approved Budget**

**Enhance:** BEGA's approved Local funds budget reflects an increase of \$160,160 and 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to support a Supervisory Ethics Investigator in the Board of Ethics program.