Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

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Table AG0-1

Description	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2027 Approved	% Change from FY 2026
OPERATING BUDGET	$4,027,959	$4,031,779	$4,095,650	$4,092,650	-0.1
FTEs	22.8	24.1	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 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's 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 2027 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2027 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-2 contains the approved FY 2027 budget and Full-Time Equivalents by revenue type compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual data.

Table AG0-2
($ in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
Appropriated Fund	**Actual FY 2024**	**Actual FY 2025**	**Approved FY 2026**	**Approved FY 2027**	**Change from FY 2026**	**% Change***	**Actual FY 2024**	**Actual FY 2025**	**Approved FY 2026**	**Approved FY 2027**	**Change from FY 2026**	**% Change**
GENERAL FUND												
LOCAL FUND	3,841	3,733	3,938	3,935	-3	-0.1	21.8	23.1	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	187	299	158	158	0	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	**4,028**	**4,032**	**4,096**	**4,093**	**-3**	**-0.1**	**22.8**	**24.1**	**25.0**	**25.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
GROSS FUNDS	**4,028**	**4,032**	**4,096**	**4,093**	**-3**	**-0.1**	**22.8**	**24.1**	**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 2027 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2027 Approved Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table AG0-3 contains the approved FY 2027 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual expenditures.

Table AG0-3
($ in thousands)

Account Group	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Approved FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change*
701100C-CONTINUING FULL TIME	2,443	2,581	3,058	2,826	-232	-7.6
701200C-CONTINUING FULL TIME - OTHERS	198	197	0	224	224	N/A
701300C-ADDITIONAL GROSS PAY	202	52	0	0	0	N/A
701400C-FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	670	672	783	765	-17	-2.2
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	**3,512**	**3,502**	**3,841**	**3,815**	**-25**	**-0.7**
711100C-SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	10	9	4	4	0	0.0
712100C-ENERGY COMM & BLDG RENTALS	3	0	0	0	0	N/A
713100C-OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	484	501	247	223	-24	-9.8
713200C-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - OTHER	0	0	1	47	46	7,434.2
717100C-PURCHASES EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	18	19	3	3	0	0.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	**516**	**530**	**255**	**277**	**22**	**8.7**
GROSS FUNDS	**4,028**	**4,032**	**4,096**	**4,093**	**-3**	**-0.1**

* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2027 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table AG0-4 contains the approved FY 2027 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 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
($ in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
Division/Program and Activity	**Actual FY 2024**	**Actual FY 2025**	**Approved FY 2026**	**Approved FY 2027**	**Change from FY 2026**	**Actual FY 2024**	**Actual FY 2025**	**Approved FY 2026**	**Approved FY 2027**	**Change from FY 2026**
O01001-ETHICS	2,957	2,965	2,951	2,919	-32	16.4	17.4	18.0	18.0	0.0
O01002-OPEN GOVERNMENT	1,071	1,067	1,144	1,173	29	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.0	0.0
GO0010-ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	**4,028**	**4,032**	**4,096**	**4,093**	**-3**	**22.8**	**24.1**	**25.0**	**25.0**	**0.0**
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	**4,028**	**4,032**	**4,096**	**4,093**	**-3**	**22.8**	**24.1**	**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 approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity.** For detailed information on this agency's Cost Center structure as reflected in the District's Chart of Accounts, please see **Schedule 30-CC FY 2027 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office.** Both schedules can be found in the **FY 2027 Operating Appendices**, located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. Additional information on this agency's interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H** in the **Executive Summary, Volume 1**.

Program Description

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

Ethics and Accountability - operates through the following 2 activities:

- **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; and
- **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.

Program Structure Change

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability has no program structure changes in the FY 2027 approved budget.

FY 2026 Approved Budget to FY 2027 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2026 approved budget and the FY 2027 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2027 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table AG0-5
($ in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUND: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE		**3,938**	**24.0**
Removal of One-Time	MULTIPLE PROGRAMS	-3	0.0
LOCAL FUND: FY 2027 Recurring Budget		**3,935**	**24.0**
Increase: To align nonpersonnel services with agency assessed needs	ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	25	0.0
Decrease: To offset projected adjustments in nonpersonnel services costs	ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	-25	0.0
LOCAL FUND: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget		**3,935**	**24.0**
No Change		0	0
LOCAL FUND: FY 2027 District's Approved Budget		**3,935**	**24.0**
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE		**158**	**1.0**
Increase: To align nonpersonnel services with agency assessed needs	ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	1	0.0
Decrease: To offset projected adjustments in nonpersonnel services costs	ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	-1	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget		**158**	**1.0**
No Change		0	0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2027 District's Approved Budget		**158**	**1.0**
GROSS FOR AG0-BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENTACCOUNTABILITY (AG0)		**4,093**	**25.0**

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see **Appendix H, FY 2027 Interagency Budgets,** in the **Executive Summary, Volume 1** located on the OCFO's website.

FY 2027 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table AG0-6 contains the approved FY 2027 budget by fund compared to the approved FY 2026 budget.

Table AG0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2027 Approved	% Change from FY 2026
LOCAL FUND	$3,937,552	$3,934,552	-0.1
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	$158,098	$158,098	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	**$4,095,650**	**$4,092,650**	**-0.1**

Mayor’s Proposed Budget

Increase: BEGA's Local funds budget proposal includes an increase of $24,706 in the Ethics and Accountability program to properly align nonpersonnel services with agency assessed needs for purchasable assets and contractual obligations.

In Special Purpose Revenue funds, the budget proposal includes an increase of $540 in the Ethics and Accountability program to align nonpersonnel services with agency assessed needs for contractual obligations.

Decrease: BEGA's Local funds budget proposal includes a decrease of $24,706 in the Ethics and Accountability program in salary and fringe benefits to offset projected adjustments in nonpersonnel services costs.

In Special Purpose Revenue funds, the budget proposal includes a decrease of $540 in the Ethics and Accountability program in salary and fringe benefits to offset projected adjustments in nonpersonnel services costs.

District's Approved Budget

No Change: BEGA's budget reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's approved budget.