

Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

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Table AG0-1

Description	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	from FY 2024
OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,516,310	\$3,847,405	\$4,207,607	\$4,067,321	-3.3
FTEs	22.3	24.4	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 2025 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2025 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-2 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual data.

Table AG0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	%	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	%
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change*	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change*
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	3,460	3,729	3,938	3,938	0	0.0	21.7	23.8	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	56	118	270	129	-140	-52.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	3,516	3,847	4,208	4,067	-140	-3.3	22.3	24.4	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	3,516	3,847	4,208	4,067	-140	-3.3	22.3	24.4	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 2025 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table AG0-3 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual expenditures.

Table AG0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	Percentage
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	from	Change*
					FY 2024	
701100C - Continuing Full Time	2,031	2,441	2,821	3,002	182	6.4
701200C - Continuing Full Time - Others	184	221	198	0	-198	-100.0
701300C - Additional Gross Pay	169	23	0	0	0	N/A
701400C - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	487	603	703	693	-10	-1.4
701500C - Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	2,870	3,288	3,721	3,696	-26	-0.7
711100C - Supplies and Materials	9	35	10	10	0	0.0
712100C - Energy, Communications and Building Rentals	7	0	3	3	0	0.0
713100C - Other Services and Charges	624	516	453	338	-115	-25.3
713200C - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	0	0	0	61.5
715100C - Other Expenses	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
717100C - Purchases Equipment and Machinery	6	8	20	20	0	0.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	646	559	486	372	-114	-23.5
GROSS FUNDS	3,516	3,847	4,208	4,067	-140	-3.3

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table AG0-4 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 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 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024
(GO0010) ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY										
(O01001) Ethics	2,526	2,853	3,106	2,948	-158	15.7	17.5	18.0	18.0	0.0
(O01002) Open Government	990	994	1,101	1,119	18	6.6	6.9	7.0	7.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (GO0010) ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	3,516	3,847	4,208	4,067	-140	22.3	24.4	25.0	25.0	0.0
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	3,516	3,847	4,208	4,067	-140	22.3	24.4	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**. 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 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. Additional information on this agency’s interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H**. All schedules can be found in the FY 2025 Operating Appendices, Volume 6 located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website.

Program Description

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

Ethics and Accountability - operates through the following 2 activities:

- **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; and
- **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.

Program Structure Change

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability has no program structure changes in the FY 2025 proposed budget.

FY 2024 Approved Budget to FY 2025 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table AG0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2024 approved budget and the FY 2025 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2025 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table AG0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Approved Budget and FTE		3,938	24.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Recurring Budget		3,938	24.0
Increase: To adjust the professional services budget	Ethics and Accountability	18	0.0
Decrease: To align resources with operational spending goals	Ethics and Accountability	-18	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Mayor's Proposed Budget		3,938	24.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2024 Approved Budget and FTE		270	1.0
Decrease: To align resources with operational spending goals	Ethics and Accountability	-8	0.0
Decrease: To reflect projected fund balances	Ethics and Accountability	-133	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2025 Mayor's Proposed Budget		129	1.0
GROSS FOR AG0 - BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY		4,067	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 2025 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget Changes

Table AG0-6 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by fund compared to the FY 2024 approved budget.

Table AG0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2025 Proposed	% Change from FY 2024
Local Funds	\$3,938,065	\$3,938,065	0.0
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$269,542	\$129,256	-52.0
GROSS FUNDS	\$4,207,607	\$4,067,321	-3.3

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: BEGA's FY 2025 Local funds budget proposal includes an increase of \$18,285 to adjust the professional services budget in the Ethics and Accountability program

Decrease: BEGA's FY 2025 Local funds budget proposal includes a decrease of \$18,285 in personnel services in the Ethics and Accountability program to offset projected adjustments in nonpersonnel services costs.

In Special Purpose Revenue funds, the budget proposal includes an overall decrease of \$140,286 in the Board of Ethics activity in the Ethics and Accountability program. This adjustment is comprised of a decrease of \$7,566 to reflect projected personnel services adjustments; and \$132,720 to reflect projected fund balances.