
Office of Campaign Finance

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Table CJ0-1

Description	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Approved	FY 2023 Approved	% Change from FY 2022
OPERATING BUDGET	\$7,166,754	\$4,082,046	\$23,439,115	\$7,473,090	-68.1
FTEs	36.1	37.6	38.0	38.0	0.0
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) is to regulate and provide public disclosure of the conduct, activities, and financial operations of candidates, political committees, political action committees, independent expenditure committees, and constituent service and statehood fund programs to ensure public trust in the integrity of the election process and government service. The Office of Campaign Finance must also fairly administer and enforce the provisions of the Fair Elections Amendment Act of 2018, which provides for the public financing of campaign operations.

Summary of Services

The Office of Campaign Finance processes and facilitates the public disclosure of financial reports, which are required by law to be filed with the OCF; performs desk reviews and develops statistical reports and summaries of the financial reports; encourages voluntary compliance by providing information and guidance on the application of the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Act of 2011 (the Act), as amended, through educational seminars, interpretative opinions, and the OCF website; and enforces the Act through the conduct of audits, investigations, and the informal hearing process. The Office of Campaign Finance is also responsible for certifying and auditing all participating candidates and committees in the Fair Elections Program, and for enforcing the Fair Elections Amendment Act of 2018 through investigations and the informal hearing process.

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 CJ0-2 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 CJ0-2

(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
Appropriated Fund												
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	7,167	4,082	23,439	7,473	-15,966	-68.1	36.1	37.6	38.0	38.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	7,167	4,082	23,439	7,473	-15,966	-68.1	36.1	37.6	38.0	38.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	7,167	4,082	23,439	7,473	-15,966	-68.1	36.1	37.6	38.0	38.0	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 2023 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2023 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table CJ0-3 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 CJ0-3

(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	2,758	2,749	3,217	3,324	107	3.3
12 - Regular Pay - Other	0	20	0	0	0	N/A
13 - Additional Gross Pay	1	26	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	647	650	782	788	6	0.7
15 - Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	3,406	3,445	3,999	4,112	113	2.8
20 - Supplies and Materials	0	18	10	10	0	0.0
31 - Telecommunications	1	0	0	0	0	N/A
40 - Other Services and Charges	351	100	66	185	119	181.4
41 - Contractual Services - Other	172	115	146	146	0	0.0
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	3,209	391	19,219	3,000	-16,219	-84.4
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	28	13	0	20	20	N/A
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	3,761	637	19,440	3,361	-16,079	-82.7
GROSS FUNDS	7,167	4,082	23,439	7,473	-15,966	-68.1

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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

Table CJ0-4 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 CJ0-4

(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
(1000) AGENCY MANAGEMENT										
(1010) Personnel	218	222	224	231	8	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
(1015) Training and Development	120	121	114	119	5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
(1040) Information Technology	2	0	0	0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1090) Performance Management	200	204	232	242	10	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (1000) AGENCY MANAGEMENT	539	548	569	592	23	6.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0
(2000) OVERSIGHT SUPPORT SERVICES										
(2010) Public Information and Record Management	603	701	786	699	-87	4.1	5.9	7.0	6.0	-1.0
(2020) Report Analysis and Audit Division	1,149	965	1,126	1,292	166	13.4	11.9	11.0	13.0	2.0
(2030) Office of the General Counsel	649	599	850	793	-57	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.0	-1.0
SUBTOTAL (2000) OVERSIGHT SUPPORT SERVICES	2,401	2,265	2,762	2,783	22	24.7	24.7	25.0	25.0	0.0
(3000) FAIR ELECTIONS FUND										
(3010) Fair Elections Fund	4,228	1,269	20,108	4,098	-16,011	5.2	7.9	8.0	8.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (3000) FAIR ELECTIONS FUND	4,228	1,269	20,108	4,098	-16,011	5.2	7.9	8.0	8.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	7,167	4,082	23,439	7,473	-15,966	36.1	37.6	38.0	38.0	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** 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 Office of Campaign Finance operates through the following 3 programs:

Oversight Support Services – provides desk analysis reviews, investigations, hearings, field audits, statistical reports, recommendations, and summaries of all financial reports submitted by candidates, political committees, political action committees, independent expenditure committees, and constituent service and statehood fund programs that focus efforts on ensuring accurate reporting and full disclosure, pursuant to the Campaign Finance Laws, so that the public is well informed and confident in the integrity of the electoral process and government services. The program also provides public information and educational seminars.

This program contains the following 3 activities:

- **Public Information and Record Management** – provides public information and educational seminars, registers candidates and committees, receives electronically-submitted financial reports, enters financial reports received by hard copy, and compiles summary contribution and expenditure information for publication at the OCF website, so that the public is well informed and confident in the integrity of the electoral process and government service;
- **Report Analysis and Audit Division** – provides desk analysis reviews, field audits, statistical reports, and summaries of all financial reports submitted by candidates, committees, and constituent service and statehood fund programs that focus efforts on ensuring accurate reporting and full disclosure, pursuant to the Campaign Finance Laws; and
- **Office of the General Counsel** – provides enforcement by conducting investigations and hearings, and issuing recommendations for decisions on charges of violations of the Campaign Finance Act. The Office of the General Counsel drafts regulations and interpretive opinions that focus efforts on promoting voluntary compliance with the Campaign Finance Act.

Fair Elections Fund – provides audit and verification of the financial reports submitted under the Fair Elections Program to qualify for the public funding of campaign operations, recommends the disbursement of base amounts and matching fund payments from the Elections Fund to qualified candidates, and coordinated educational outreach to candidates participating in the Program and the general public concerning the requirements of the Program.

Agency Management – provides for administrative support and the required tools to achieve operational and programmatic results. This program is standard for all agencies using performance-based budgeting.

Program Structure Change

The Office of Campaign Finance has no program structure changes in the FY 2023 approved budget.

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

Table CJ0-5 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 CJ0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2022 Approved Budget and FTE		23,439	38.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Recurring Budget		23,439	38.0
Increase: To align resources with operational spending goals	Multiple Programs	139	0.0
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	113	0.0
Decrease: To realize savings in nonpersonal services	Fair Elections Fund	-16,219	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget		7,473	38.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 District's Approved Budget		7,473	38.0
GROSS FOR CJ0 - OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE		7,473	38.0

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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 CJ0-6 contains the approved FY 2023 budget by fund compared to the FY 2022 approved budget.

Table CJ0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2022 Approved	FY 2023 Approved	% Change from FY 2022
Local Funds	\$23,439,115	\$7,473,090	-68.1
GROSS FUNDS	\$23,439,115	\$7,473,090	-68.1

Recurring Budget

The Office of Campaign Finance's budget reflects no change from the FY 2022 approved to the FY 2023 recurring budget.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: OCF's Local funds budget proposal includes a net increase of \$139,353 across multiple programs to support projected costs associated with computer purchases, and professional services costs, including human resources and other administrative services. Additionally, an increase of \$113,141 aligns salaries and Fringe Benefits with projected costs.

Decrease: OCF's Local funds budget proposal includes a reduction of \$16,218,519 in the Fair Elections Fund program to reduce funding for fair election activities.

District's Approved Budget

No Change: The Office of Campaign Finance's budget reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's approved budget.