
Office of Campaign Finance

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Table CJ0-1

Description	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
OPERATING BUDGET	\$4,082,046	\$15,305,793	\$7,473,090	\$7,847,077	5.0
FTEs	37.6	33.9	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 2024 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

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

Table CJ0-2 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 CJ0-2

(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	4,082	15,306	7,473	7,847	374	5.0	37.6	33.9	38.0	38.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	4,082	15,306	7,473	7,847	374	5.0	37.6	33.9	38.0	38.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	4,082	15,306	7,473	7,847	374	5.0	37.6	33.9	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 2024 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table CJ0-3 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 CJ0-3

(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	2,749	2,736	3,324	3,548	223	6.7
12 - Regular Pay - Other	20	29	0	0	0	N/A
13 - Additional Gross Pay	26	156	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	650	638	788	869	82	10.4
15 - Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	3,445	3,558	4,112	4,417	305	7.4
20 - Supplies and Materials	18	0	10	15	5	50.0
40 - Other Services and Charges	100	359	185	185	0	0.0
41 - Contractual Services - Other	115	146	146	200	54	37.1
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	391	11,236	3,000	3,000	0	0.0
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	13	7	20	30	10	50.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	637	11,747	3,361	3,430	69	2.1
GROSS FUNDS	4,082	15,306	7,473	7,847	374	5.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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

Table CJ0-4 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 CJ0-4

(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) AGENCY MANAGEMENT										
(1010) Personnel	222	198	231	299	67	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	0.0
(1015) Training and Development	121	127	119	126	7	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0
(1090) Performance Management	204	213	242	253	11	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (1000) AGENCY MANAGEMENT	548	538	592	677	85	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0	0.0
(2000) OVERSIGHT SUPPORT SERVICES										
(2010) Public Information and Record Management	701	625	699	967	269	5.9	6.2	6.0	6.0	0.0
(2020) Report Analysis and Audit Division	965	877	1,292	1,010	-282	11.9	9.8	13.0	9.0	-4.0
(2030) Office of the General Counsel	599	661	793	822	29	6.9	6.2	6.0	6.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (2000) OVERSIGHT SUPPORT SERVICES	2,265	2,163	2,783	2,799	16	24.7	22.3	25.0	21.0	-4.0
(3000) FAIR ELECTIONS FUND										
(3010) Fair Elections Fund	1,269	12,605	4,098	4,371	273	7.9	7.2	8.0	12.0	4.0
SUBTOTAL (3000) FAIR ELECTIONS FUND	1,269	12,605	4,098	4,371	273	7.9	7.2	8.0	12.0	4.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	4,082	15,306	7,473	7,847	374	37.6	33.9	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 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 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 2024 approved budget.

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

Table CJ0-5 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 CJ0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		7,473	38.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Recurring Budget		7,473	38.0
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	305	0.0
Increase: To align resources with operational spending goals	Multiple Programs	69	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget		7,847	38.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 District's Approved Budget		7,847	38.0
GROSS FOR CJ0 - OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE		7,847	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 2024 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table CJ0-6 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by fund compared to the FY 2023 approved budget.

Table CJ0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
Local Funds	\$7,473,090	\$7,847,077	5.0
GROSS FUNDS	\$7,473,090	\$7,847,077	5.0

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: OCF's proposed budget includes an increase of \$304,855 across multiple programs to support projected costs in personal services and Fringe Benefits. Additionally, OCF's budget has an increase of \$69,132 for projected operational costs, which will primarily support contracts and equipment costs.

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.