

District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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Table FZ0-1

Description	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Approved	FY 2023 Approved	% Change from FY 2022
OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,105,871	\$1,112,921	\$1,627,831	\$1,618,202	-0.6
FTEs	7.2	6.0	7.0	9.0	28.6
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$554,497	\$215,963	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission (the Commission) is to implement, monitor, and support the District's voluntary sentencing guidelines; promote fair and consistent sentencing policies; increase public understanding of sentencing policies and practices; and evaluate the effectiveness of the guidelines system in order to recommend changes based on actual sentencing and corrections practice and research.

Summary of Services

The Commission advises the District of Columbia on policy matters related to criminal law, sentencing, and corrections policy. The D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines were created in 2004 as a pilot program and became permanent in 2007. The Commission is mandated to monitor and adjust, as needed, the Sentencing Guidelines to promote sentencing policies that limit unwarranted disparity, increase proportionality, and allow for adequate judicial discretion. The Sentencing Guidelines provide recommended sentences that enhance fairness, predictability, and consistency. When utilized, the Sentencing Guidelines help ensure that victims, the community, and other parties understand why a certain sentence was imposed. As part of its mandate, the Commission also provides analysis and Guidelines compliance to the government agencies, academic and research institutions, practitioners, and the public, to help identify sentencing and criminal justice trends.

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 FZ0-2 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 FZ0-2

(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	1,106	1,113	1,628	1,618	-10	-0.6	7.2	6.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	28.6
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	1,106	1,113	1,628	1,618	-10	-0.6	7.2	6.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	28.6
GROSS FUNDS	1,106	1,113	1,628	1,618	-10	-0.6	7.2	6.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	28.6

*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 FZ0-3 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 FZ0-3

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Approved FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Change from FY 2022	Percentage Change*
Comptroller Source Group						
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	621	591	711	886	175	24.5
13 - Additional Gross Pay	6	1	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	129	119	146	185	40	27.3
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	756	712	857	1,071	214	25.0
20 - Supplies and Materials	0	0	4	5	2	42.9
31 - Telecommunications	0	0	4	0	-4	-100.0
40 - Other Services and Charges	66	351	119	159	40	33.5
41 - Contractual Services - Other	284	50	639	377	-262	-41.0
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	0	0	6	6	0	0.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	350	401	771	547	-224	-29.0
GROSS FUNDS	1,106	1,113	1,628	1,618	-10	-0.6

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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

Table FZ0-4 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 FZ0-4

(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) MANAGEMENT										
(1010) Personnel	109	94	129	124	-4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0
(1015) Training	0	0	8	0	-8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1030) Property Management	6	6	10	7	-3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1040) Information Technology	32	52	36	0	-36	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1060) Legal Services	0	0	11	4	-7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Activity Assigned	3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (1000) MANAGEMENT	150	153	194	135	-59	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0
(2000) DATA COLLECTION (AIP)										
(2010) ACS Offense And Offender Database	309	342	649	335	-314	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.0	0.0
(2020) Sentencing Guidelines Monitoring	286	332	351	418	67	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(2040) Policy Reports and Proposals	203	202	202	178	-24	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0
(2050) Sentencing Guidelines Training	95	84	148	544	397	1.0	0.9	1.0	4.0	3.0
(2060) Prep Sentencing Guidelines Materials	63	0	84	8	-76	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.0	-1.0
SUBTOTAL (2000) DATA COLLECTION (AIP)	956	960	1,434	1,483	49	6.2	5.2	6.0	8.0	2.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	1,106	1,113	1,628	1,618	-10	7.2	6.0	7.0	9.0	2.0

(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 District of Columbia Sentencing Commission operates through the following 2 programs:

Data Collection, Analysis, and Implementation – undertakes sentencing-related research for the Commission and the Council; monitors and evaluates sentencing practices and trends in the District; and provides the sentencing guideline manual, assistance with the application of the guidelines, and training for criminal justice professional to effectively and efficiently work within a structured sentencing system.

This program contains the following 5 activities:

- **ACS Offense and Offender Sentencing Database** – transfers data electronically from the court into the agency's database, which includes both historic and real-time sentencing information. Criminal history

information provided by Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is integrated into the agency database and matched with court sentencing information, enabling offender and offense-based analysis of the application of the sentencing guidelines and sentencing trends in the District;

- **Sentencing Guidelines Monitoring** – monitors compliance with the recommended sentencing guidelines by using the agency's database. Departures from the sentencing guidelines are examined to determine if the guidelines may require modification or revision by the Commission to ensure their effectiveness;
- **Policy Reports and Proposals** – develops reports and recommendations for the Commission to improve and modify criminal justice programs focused on sentencing policy. In addition, revises and proposes recommendations to the D.C. Criminal Code to ensure clarity and consistency in the District's criminal laws making their application more fair and efficient;
- **Sentencing Guidelines Training** – provides training to criminal justice professionals focusing on the calculation of criminal history, proper application of the guidelines, determination of the recommended guideline sentence, and recent revisions or modification to the sentencing guidelines. The Commission also monitors both Appellate and Supreme Court sentencing-related decisions and provides training on the impact of these rulings on the D.C. Sentencing Guidelines; and
- **Prep Sentencing Guidelines Materials** – develops and updates yearly the D.C. Sentencing Guideline manual, which contains offense rankings, sentencing protocol, special sentencing provisions, and other guideline related information. The Guideline manual is used by practitioners on a daily basis when applying the guidelines to felony convictions.

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 District of Columbia Sentencing Commission has no program structure changes in the FY 2023 approved budget.

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

Table FZ0-5 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 FZ0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2022 Approved Budget and FTE		1,628	7.0
Removal of One-Time Costs	Multiple Programs	-319	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Recurring Budget		1,309	7.0
Increase: To support nonpersonal service costs	Multiple Programs	45	0.0
Decrease: To recognize savings in personal services	Multiple Programs	-53	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget		1,301	7.0
Enhance: To support additional FTE(s)	Data Collection (AIP)	267	2.0
Enhance: To support an assessment of the GRID system (one-time)	Data Collection (AIP)	50	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 District's Approved Budget		1,618	9.0
GROSS FOR FZ0 - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SENTENCING COMMISSION		1,618	9.0

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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 FZ0-6 contains the approved FY 2023 budget by fund compared to the FY 2022 approved budget.

Table FZ0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2022 Approved	FY 2023 Approved	% Change from FY 2022
Local Funds	\$1,627,831	\$1,618,202	-0.6
GROSS FUNDS	\$1,627,831	\$1,618,202	-0.6

Recurring Budget

The FY 2023 budget for the Commission includes a reduction of \$318,860 to account for the removal of one-time funding appropriated in FY 2022 to support modifications and enhancements to the Guidelines Reporting Information Data (GRID) Scoring System database, and human resources related services to an independent government agency.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: The Commission's proposed budget includes a net increase of \$44,912 across multiple programs to align the budget with projected costs primarily for contracts and professional service fees.

Decrease: The proposed budget reflects a decrease of \$52,542 across multiple programs to align salaries and Fringe Benefits with projected costs.

District's Approved Budget

Enhance: The Commission's approved budget reflects an increase of \$266,860 and 2.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to support additional Attorney Advisor positions. Additionally, a one-time increase of \$50,000 supports an assessment of the Guidelines Reporting Information Data (GRID) Scoring System database.