
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration

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Table LQ0-1

Description	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved	% Change from FY 2025
OPERATING BUDGET	\$10,171,364	\$10,119,936	\$14,822,362	\$11,654,674	-21.4
FTEs	61.6	72.7	80.3	77.0	-4.1
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$999,875	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) is to support the public's health, safety, and welfare through the control and regulation of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and medical cannabis.

Summary of Services

ABCA conducts licensing, training, adjudication, community outreach, and enforcement efforts to serve licensees, law enforcement agencies, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), civic associations, and the general community so that they understand and adhere to all District laws, regulations, and ABCA policies and procedures. ABCA also registers qualifying patients who have the right to obtain and use cannabis for medical purposes including when his or her primary physician has provided a written recommendation.

The agency's FY 2026 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2026 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table LQ0-2 contains the approved FY 2026 budget and approved Full-Time Equivalents by revenue type compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 actual data.

Table LQ0-2

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	%	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	%
Appropriated Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change*	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	356	809	1,371	2,381	1,010	73.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	14.0	13.0	1,300.0
Dedicated Taxes	756	381	0	0	0	N/A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Special Purpose												
Revenue Funds	9,059	8,930	13,452	9,274	-4,178	-31.1	60.6	71.7	79.3	63.0	-16.3	-20.6
TOTAL FOR												
GENERAL FUND	10,171	10,120	14,822	11,655	-3,168	-21.4	61.6	72.7	80.3	77.0	-3.3	-4.1
GROSS FUNDS	10,171	10,120	14,822	11,655	-3,168	-21.4	61.6	72.7	80.3	77.0	-3.3	-4.1

*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 2026 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table LQ0-3 contains the approved FY 2026 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 actual expenditures.

Table LQ0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	Percentage
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	from FY 2025	Change*
701100C - Continuing Full Time	5,720	6,002	7,969	7,914	-55	-0.7
701200C - Continuing Full Time - Others	245	224	223	223	0	0.0
701300C - Additional Gross Pay	203	112	200	110	-90	-45.0
701400C - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	1,424	1,439	1,867	1,880	12	0.7
701500C - Overtime Pay	1,030	717	1,280	751	-529	-41.3
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	8,623	8,494	11,539	10,877	-662	-5.7
711100C - Supplies and Materials	57	43	100	0	-100	-100.0
712100C - Energy, Communications and Building Rentals	85	26	31	22	-10	-31.1
713100C - Other Services and Charges	587	437	771	303	-468	-60.7
713200C - Contractual Services - Other	506	472	1,896	205	-1,691	-89.2
715100C - Other Expenses	13	0	0	0	0	N/A
717100C - Purchases Equipment and Machinery	300	648	486	248	-238	-49.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	1,549	1,626	3,283	777	-2,506	-76.3
GROSS FUNDS	10,171	10,120	14,822	11,655	-3,168	-21.4

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table LQ0-4 contains the approved FY 2026 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

Table LQ0-4

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Approved FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Change from FY 2025	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Approved FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Change from FY 2025
(AFO000) AGENCY										
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS										
(AFO003) Agency Budgeting and Financial Management Services	95	125	209	0	-209	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.3
(AFO016) Agency/Cluster Shared Services	0	0	0	10	10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (AFO000) AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	95	125	209	10	-199	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.3
(AMP000) AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM										
(AMP003) Communications	289	301	435	464	29	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	0.0
(AMP006) Customer Experience	112	3	198	230	31	0.9	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
(AMP009) Fleet Management	23	30	24	38	14	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(AMP012) Information Technology Services	714	521	1,112	911	-201	2.8	2.8	4.0	4.0	0.0
(AMP014) Legal Services	1,276	1,251	1,634	1,417	-216	6.6	6.7	8.0	8.0	0.0
(AMP016) Performance and Strategic Management	930	953	1,605	1,395	-210	4.7	4.8	10.0	8.0	-2.0
(AMP019) Property, Asset, and Logistics Management	364	245	408	82	-326	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(AMP022) Records Management	430	450	449	453	4	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.0	0.0
(AMP026) Training and Development	0	1	60	0	-60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (AMP000) AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	4,137	3,754	5,925	4,990	-935	20.7	20.9	31.0	29.0	-2.0
(EC0041) LICENSING SERVICES										
(R04101) Alcoholic Beverage Licensing	1,356	1,458	1,554	1,395	-159	12.2	12.4	12.0	12.0	0.0
(R04102) Medical Cannabis Licensing	1,009	1,823	2,479	1,245	-1,235	5.7	16.2	10.0	9.0	-1.0
SUBTOTAL (EC0041) LICENSING SERVICES	2,365	3,281	4,033	2,640	-1,393	18.0	28.6	22.0	21.0	-1.0
(EC0042) REGULATION AND ADJUDICATION										
(R04202) Inspection and Compliance Services	3,574	2,960	4,655	4,015	-640	22.6	22.8	27.0	27.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (EC0042) REGULATION AND ADJUDICATION	3,574	2,960	4,655	4,015	-640	22.6	22.8	27.0	27.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	10,171	10,120	14,822	11,655	-3,168	61.6	72.7	80.3	77.0	-3.3

(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 2026 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. The schedules can be found in the **FY 2026 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 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) operates through the following 4 programs:

Licensing Services – Responsible for the issuance of new and renewal of existing liquor licenses to qualified businesses that sell and serve alcohol in the District. Issues and renews medical cannabis facility licenses in the District and registers qualifying patients and caregivers to purchase medical cannabis from licensed dispensaries for medical purposes.

This program contains the following 2 activities:

- **Alcoholic Beverage Licensing** – issues new and renewal licenses to liquor stores, grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, nightclubs, and other establishments that manufactures, distribute, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia, and works with Records Management to keep accurate and accessible paper and data records of all licensing program activities. This program provides customer service directly to the general public, the business community, ANC's, and community groups and associations; and
- **Medical Cannabis Licensing** – allows all qualifying patients to have the right to obtain and use cannabis for medical purposes including when his or her primary physician has provided a written recommendation that bears his or her signature and license number. This recommendation must assert that the use of cannabis is medically necessary for the patient for the treatment of a qualifying medical condition or to mitigate the side effects of a qualifying medical treatment.

Regulation and Adjudication – Responsible for conducting investigations and inspections of licensed and unlicensed alcohol and medical cannabis businesses for compliance with District law. Processes issued fines and citations. Provides legal and administrative support to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

This program contains the following activity:

- **Inspection and Compliance Services** – conducts regulatory and voluntary agreement compliance inspections, underage compliance checks, and joint investigations as needed with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, the Office of Tax and Revenue, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and others; and conducts various inspections associated with licensing and adjudicatory processes such as final, compliance, placard, special event, and financial audit investigations. All activities serve to strengthen the awareness of, and compliance with, the appropriate laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.

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.

Agency Financial Operations – provides comprehensive and efficient financial management services to, and on behalf of, District agencies so that the financial integrity of the District of Columbia is maintained. This program is standard for all agencies using performance-based budgeting.

Program Structure Changes

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration has no program structure changes in the FY 2026 approved budget.

FY 2025 Approved Budget to FY 2026 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table LQ0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2025 approved budget and the FY 2026 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2026 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table LQ0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE		1,371	1.0
Removal of One-Time Funding	Multiple Programs	-1,000	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Recurring Budget		371	1.0
Increase: To align personnel services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	983	4.0
Decrease: To adjust the Contractual Services budget	Licensing Services	-52	0.0
Shift: To reflect the shift from SPR funds	Multiple Programs	1,079	9.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget		2,381	14.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget		2,381	14.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE		13,452	79.3
Decrease: To align the budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	-3,063	-7.3
Shift: To reflect the shift to Local funds	Multiple Programs	-1,079	-9.0
Reduce: To reflect the proposed one-time reduction of step increases and associated fringe benefit costs	Multiple Programs	-36	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget		9,274	63.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget		9,274	63.0
GROSS FOR LQ0 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION		11,655	77.0

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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 2026 Interagency Budgets, of the Executive Summary, Volume 1** located on the OCFO's website.

FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table LQ0-6 contains the approved FY 2026 budget by fund compared to the FY 2025 approved budget.

Table LQ0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved	% Change from FY 2025
Local Funds	\$1,370,633	\$2,380,773	73.7
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$13,451,729	\$9,273,902	-31.1
GROSS FUNDS	\$14,822,362	\$11,654,674	-21.4

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration's (ABCA) Local funds budget proposal includes an increase of \$983,146 and 4.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) across multiple programs to align personnel services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs.

Decrease: ABCA's Local funds budget reflects a decrease of \$51,678 in the Licensing Services program to adjust contractual services costs.

In the Special Purpose Revenue Funds, the proposed budget includes a decrease of \$3,063,433 across multiple programs. This reduction is primarily due to projected revenue reductions from the Medical Cannabis Administration Fund and from fees related to Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) - Import and Class Licenses. This adjustment also includes a reduction of 7.3 FTE positions.

Shift: The proposed budget submission for ABCA reflects a shift in personnel services in the amount of \$1,078,672 and 9.0 FTEs from SPR funds to Local funds across multiple programs. This action aligns the budget with projected revenue and allows the agency to continue to meet operational goals.

Reduce: The budget submission reflects a proposed one-time reduction of \$35,721 in Special Purpose Revenue funds to step increases and associated fringe benefit costs across multiple programs.

District's Approved Budget

No Change: The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration's budget reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's approved budget.

FY 2026 Approved Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Table LQ0-7 contains the summary of FY 2026 Approved Budgeted Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs).

Table LQ0-7

Total FY 2026 Approved Budgeted FTEs	77.0
Total FTEs employed by this agency	77.0

Note: Table LQ0-7 displays the impact of the buyer agencies budgets funding the seller agencies FTEs in the FY 2026 budget, compared to how FTEs were budgeted in FY 2025.

- It starts with the FY 2026 budgeted FTE figure, 77.0 FTEs.
- It subtracts 0.0 FTEs budgeted in LQ0 in FY 2026 who are employed by another agency.
- It adds 0.0 FTEs budgeted in other agencies in FY 2026 who are employed by LQ0.
- It ends with 77.0 FTEs, the number of FTEs employed by LQ0, which is the FTE figure comparable to the FY 2025 budget.