
Office of the Ombudsperson for Children

Table R00-1

| Description | FY 2023 Actual | FY 2024 Actual | FY 2025 Approved | FY 2026 Approved | % Change from FY 2025 |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| OPERATING BUDGET | \$355,977 | \$578,855 | \$1,247,254 | \$733,094 | -41.2 |
| FTEs | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -32.1 |
| CAPITAL BUDGET | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | N/A |
| FTEs | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | N/A |

The Office of the Ombudsperson For Children (OFC) is committed to working collaboratively across systems that impact the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) children to foster improved outcomes, strengthen service delivery and increase accountability.

Summary of Services

The Office of the Ombudsperson for Children (OFC) will receive complaints and make recommendation for resolution of complaints from CFSA constituents involving an administrative act of CFSA or a CFSA affiliate. OFC will also facilitate interagency communication and coordination related to issues impacting CFSA children. OFC may investigate on its own initiative, systemic concerns related to CFSA children including issues relating to interagency communication and coordination. OFC will review and provide recommendations to policies, procedures, regulations, and directives as established, implemented or practiced by CFSA or a CFSA affiliate. In addition, OFC will notify the appropriate CFSA contact, including the Agency Director and Office of General Counsel (OGC), if necessary, of identified concerns and make recommendations for improvement. OFC will facilitate communication between CFSA and CFSA constituents as needed; offer voluntary conflict resolution services and provide education, information and referrals to individuals as appropriate.

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 RO0-2 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 RO0-2

(dollars in thousands)

| Appropriated Fund | Dollars in Thousands | | | | | | Full-Time Equivalents | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | Actual FY 2023 | Actual FY 2024 | Approved FY 2025 | Approved FY 2026 | Change from FY 2025 | % Change* | Actual FY 2023 | Actual FY 2024 | Approved FY 2025 | Approved FY 2026 | Change from FY 2025 | % Change |
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Funds | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | -41.2 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 | -32.1 |
| TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | -41.2 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 | -32.1 |
| GROSS FUNDS | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | -41.2 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 | -32.1 |

*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 RO0-3 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 RO0-3

(dollars in thousands)

| Account Group | Actual FY 2023 | Actual FY 2024 | Approved FY 2025 | Approved FY 2026 | Change from FY 2025 | Percentage Change* |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| 701100C - Continuing Full Time | 293 | 445 | 832 | 517 | -315 | -37.9 |
| 701300C - Additional Gross Pay | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| 701400C - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel | 55 | 117 | 200 | 117 | -83 | -41.5 |
| SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS) | 351 | 563 | 1,032 | 634 | -398 | -38.6 |
| 711100C - Supplies and Materials | 0 | 6 | 14 | 10 | -4 | -28.0 |
| 712100C - Energy, Communications and Building Rentals | 0 | 0 | 60 | 60 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 713100C - Other Services and Charges | 4 | 10 | 136 | 28 | -108 | -79.5 |
| 717100C - Purchases Equipment and Machinery | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | -4 | -80.0 |
| SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS) | 5 | 16 | 216 | 99 | -116 | -54.0 |
| GROSS FUNDS | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | -41.2 |

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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

Table RO0-4 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 RO0-4

(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 |
| (HS0051) OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN | | | | | | | | | | |
| (H05101) Ombudsperson For Children | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 |
| SUBTOTAL (HS0051) OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 |
| TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET | 356 | 579 | 1,247 | 733 | -514 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | -2.2 |

(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 Office of the Ombudsperson for Children will operate through the following program:

Office of the Ombudsperson for Children – provides oversight of CFSA and other agencies that affect the lives of CFSA children and investigates CFSA constituent complaints.

Program Structure Change

The Office of the Ombudsperson for Children has no program structure changes in the FY 2026 approved budget.

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

Table RO0-5 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 RO0-5

(dollars in thousands)

| DESCRIPTION | DIVISION/PROGRAM | BUDGET | FTE |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|------------|
| LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE | | 1,247 | 7.0 |
| Removal of One-Time Funding | Multiple Programs | -100 | 0.0 |
| LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Recurring Budget | | 1,147 | 7.0 |
| Eliminate: To reflect the elimination of the agency | Ombudsperson For Children | -1,147 | -7.0 |
| LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget | | 0 | 0.0 |
| Enhance: To align personnel services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs | Ombudsperson For Children | 634 | 4.8 |
| Enhance: To support nonpersonnel services costs | Ombudsperson For Children | 99 | 0.0 |
| LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget | | 733 | 4.8 |
| GROSS FOR RO0 - OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN | | 733 | 4.8 |

(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 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 RO0-6 contains the approved FY 2026 budget by fund compared to the FY 2025 approved budget.

Table RO0-6

| Appropriated Fund | FY 2025 Approved | FY 2026 Approved | % Change from FY 2025 |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Local Funds | \$1,247,254 | \$733,094 | -41.2 |
| GROSS FUNDS | \$1,247,254 | \$733,094 | -41.2 |

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Eliminate: The Office of Ombudsperson for Children budget proposal reflects the elimination of the Local funds budget of \$1,147,254 and 7.0 FTEs, as the agency will be abolished at the end of FY 2025.

District's Approved Budget

Enhance: The Office of the Ombudsperson for Children's will be partially restored to continue business operations in FY 2026. This action is reflected as an overall increase of \$733,094, of which \$633,817 is in personnel services to support 4.75 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions, and \$99,277 is in nonpersonnel services to support occupancy fixed costs, supplies and materials, contractual and professional services, and equipment purchases.