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# Office of the Ombudsperson for Children

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**Table RO0-1**

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 (CDSA) 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 CDSA constituents involving an administrative act of CDSA or a CDSA affiliate. OFC will also facilitate interagency communication and coordination related to issues impacting CDSA children. OFC may investigate on its own initiative, systemic concerns related to CDSA 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 CDSA or a CDSA affiliate. In addition, OFC will notify the appropriate CDSA 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 CDSA and CDSA 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		Actual		Change		Actual		Actual		Change	
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change*	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>												
Local Funds	356	579	1,247	733	-514	-41.2	4.5	5.9	7.0	4.8	-2.2	-32.1
<b>TOTAL FOR</b>												
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-514</b>	<b>-41.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-32.1</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-514</b>	<b>-41.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-32.1</b>

\*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
<b>SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>-398</b>	<b>-38.6</b>
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
<b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-116</b>	<b>-54.0</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-514</b>	<b>-41.2</b>

\*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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## 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.

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

(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 CDSA and other agencies that affect the lives of CDSA children and investigates CDSA constituent complaints.

### Program Structure Change

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

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## 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.

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**Table RO0-5**

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		1,247	7.0
Removal of One-Time Funding	Multiple Programs	-100	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Recurring Budget</b>		1,147	7.0
Eliminate: To reflect the elimination of the agency	Ombudsperson For Children	-1,147	-7.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		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
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget</b>		733	4.8
<b>GROSS FOR RO0 - OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN</b>			733
(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)			4.8

**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.

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## FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget Changes

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

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**Table RO0-6**

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

### 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.