Inspector General

APPROVED FY27 BUDGET	FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS
$4,289,584	21.00

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is to review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies; prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government and County-funded agencies.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total approved FY27 Operating Budget for the Office of Inspector General is $4,289,584, an increase of $310,558 or 7.80 percent from the FY26 Approved Budget of $3,979,026. Personnel Costs comprise 96.56 percent of the budget for 21 full-time position(s) and no part-time position(s), and a total of 21.00 FTEs. Total FTEs may include seasonal or temporary positions and may also reflect workforce charged to or from other departments or funds. Operating Expenses account for the remaining 3.44 percent of the FY27 budget.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES

While this program area supports all seven of the County Executive's Priority Outcomes, the following are emphasized:

- **A Growing Economy**
- **Effective, Sustainable Government**

INITIATIVES

- The OIG is currently engaged in a process improvement project that will examine the policies and procedures for conducting audits and reviews. These improvements are expected to increase efficiency and reduce redundancies while continuing to adhere to strict professional standards as required by County law.

INNOVATIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Findings and recommendations of OIG reports have resulted in changes to County policies and laws, including revisions to the Short Term Rental registration process, updates to the Bag Tax law, revisions of the eTravel Policy, amendments to the P-Card Policy and changes related to nepotism in contracts.

- The Education Oversight Division initiated the OIG's first two proactive engagements at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and issued reports that detailed the review of MCPS funds.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Becky Bolat of the Office of Inspector General at 240-777-8243 or Grace Pedersen of the Office of Management and Budget at 240-773-1088 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance measures for this department are included below (where applicable). The FY26 estimates reflect funding based on the FY26 Approved Budget. The FY27 and FY28 figures are performance targets based on the FY27 Approved Budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY28.

Measure	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Estimated FY26	Target FY27	Target FY28
Program Measures					
Percent of initial inquiries (with no reports or memo) completed within 20 business days [1]	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Percent of audit/inspection/investigation reports completed within 8 months	87%	75%	85%	85%	85%
Percent of complaints reviewed and action initiated within 5 business days	92%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Number of audits or reviews of Principal Departments completed in current cycle (24 total to be completed in FY25-29 cycle)	3	4	3	3	3
Number of evaluations, inspections, or reviews of County programs and operations completed annually (the goal is two per year)	3	7	3	3	3

[1] *The Office of Inspector General (OIG) either completed preliminary inquiry work without further comment, or reclassified the item for continuation as an audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, or review.*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Inspector General

The Inspector General conducts independent audits, reviews, and investigations; receives and investigates credible complaints; reports possible violations of the law to law enforcement or another appropriate organization; notifies the County Council and County Executive of serious problems in programs; reviews legislation and regulations to strengthen controls and increase accountability; and submits reports with recommendations to appropriate officials. The Inspector General periodically conducts projects jointly with other government agencies and contractors.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Approved FY27	%Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	2,726,237	3,028,597	2,979,350	3,257,969	7.6 %
Employee Benefits	683,631	807,518	739,238	884,080	9.5 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	**3,409,868**	**3,836,115**	**3,718,588**	**4,142,049**	**8.0 %**

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	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Approved FY27	%Chg Bud/App
Operating Expenses	112,490	142,911	131,682	147,535	3.2 %
County General Fund Expenditures	**3,522,358**	**3,979,026**	**3,850,270**	**4,289,584**	**7.8 %**
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	21	21	21	21	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	—

FY27 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY26 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	**3,979,026**	**21.00**
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY26 Personnel Costs	145,363	0.00
Increase Cost: FY27 Compensation Adjustment	133,214	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY26 Compensation Increases	32,240	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail	4,624	0.00
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(4,883)	0.00
FY27 APPROVED	**4,289,584**	**21.00**

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED ($000S)

Title	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY27 Approved	**4,290**	**4,290**	**4,290**	**4,290**	**4,290**	**4,290**
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Labor Contracts	**0**	**27**	**27**	**27**	**27**	**27**
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	**4,290**	**4,317**	**4,317**	**4,317**	**4,317**	**4,317**

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