



Inspector General

APPROVED FY26 BUDGET

\$3,979,026

FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

21.00

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is to promote 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 FY26 Operating Budget for the Office of Inspector General is \$3,979,026, an increase of \$366,826 or 10.16 percent from the FY25 Approved Budget of \$3,612,200. Personnel Costs comprise 96.41 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 3.59 percent of the FY26 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 Education Oversight Division (EOD) was established in FY24 and is charged with bringing transparency and accountability to MCPS' operations by conducting investigations, reviews, and inspections aimed at detecting and deterring fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, and mismanagement of school resources. In FY24, EOD addressed over 180 complaints, and identified \$200,000+ in questionable expenditures inconsistent with MCPS policy.
- ★ In FY25, EOD hired two new staff and began the first proactive engagement related to procurement practices at MCPS.

INNOVATIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS

- ✦ **OIG formalized a process for tracking the status of corrective actions to ensure departments are held accountable and appropriately addressing the findings and recommendations in reports.**

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 FY25 estimates reflect funding based on the FY25 Approved Budget. The FY26 and FY27 figures are performance targets based on the FY26 Approved Budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY27.

Measure	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimated FY25	Target FY26	Target FY27
Program Measures					
Percent of initial inquiries (with no reports or memo) completed within 20 business days ¹	100%	97%	97%	98%	98%
Percent of audit/inspection/investigation reports completed within 8 months	92%	87%	88%	90%	90%
Percent of complaints reviewed and action initiated within 5 business days	96%	92%	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	3	3	3	3
Number of evaluations, inspections, or reviews of County programs and operations completed annually (the goal is two per year)	3	3	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 FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	2,112,519	2,756,714	2,725,142	3,028,597	9.9 %
Employee Benefits	521,737	706,075	680,156	807,518	14.4 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	2,634,256	3,462,789	3,405,298	3,836,115	10.8 %

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	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
Operating Expenses	163,246	149,411	140,731	142,911	-4.4 %
County General Fund Expenditures	2,797,502	3,612,200	3,546,029	3,979,026	10.2 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	19	21	21	21	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	—

FY26 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY25 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	3,612,200	21.00
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Increase Cost: FY26 Compensation Adjustment	144,739	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY25 Personnel Costs	91,493	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY25 Lapsed Positions	72,500	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY25 Compensation Increases	58,389	0.00
Increase Cost: Retirement Adjustment	6,205	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail Adjustment	3,320	0.00
Decrease Cost: Elimination of One-Time Items Approved in FY25	(9,820)	0.00
FY26 APPROVED	3,979,026	21.00

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED (\$000S)

Title	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY26 Approved	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Labor Contracts	0	26	26	26	26	26
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	3,979	4,005	4,005	4,005	4,005	4,005

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