

Inspector General

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of Inspector General 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 FY09 Operating Budget for the Office of Inspector General is \$700,720, an increase of \$33,240 or 5.0 percent from the FY08 Approved Budget of \$667,480. Personnel Costs comprise 79.7 percent of the budget for five full-time positions for five workyears. Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay account for the remaining 20.3 percent of the FY09 budget.

LINKAGE TO COUNTY RESULT AREAS

While this program area supports all eight of the County Result Areas, the following are emphasized:

- ❖ **A Responsive, Accountable County Government**
- ❖ **Strong and Vibrant Economy**
- ❖ **Vital Living for All of Our Residents**

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This table presents the department's performance data estimates and projections from FY08 through FY10 if there are no changes in funding.

Measure	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Estimated FY08	Approved FY09	Projected FY10
Audits/reviews reported to Council/Executive management	4	4	3	5	3
Credible complaints closed	94	53	55	45	50
Credible complaints opened	53	54	51	60	55
Joint investigations with prosecutors	3	2	2	2	3
Formal responses to fraud, waste, and abuse matters reported to management by the Office of Inspector General	14	10	8	15	15
Questioned costs or potential savings (\$000)	182	1,100	9,500	500	1,000
County/taxpayer funds recovered or put to different use as the result of audit findings and investigations (\$000)	14,000	3,076	500	3,000	2,000
Percentage of audit recommendations accepted	67	67	67	67	67

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- ❖ **Following a bid protest and a joint OIG/State investigation, a hearing officer reversed a \$500,000 contract award to replace lights at a County athletic complex. Findings included the use of false financial data by the awardee. A decision to rebid the work is pending.**
- ❖ **Conducted an audit of selected Capital Improvements Program projects involving \$11 million in Clarksburg Development District funding. Recommended improvements in the County's administration of related road construction projects. Council action on this District is pending.**

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Thomas J. Dagley of the Office of Inspector General at 240.777.8240 or Helen Vallone of the Office of Management and Budget at 240-777-2755 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Inspector General

The Inspector General conducts independent audits, reviews, and investigations; receives and investigates credible complaints; reports violations of the law to the State's Attorney for Montgomery County or other appropriate office; notifies the County Council and Executive of serious problems in programs; reviews legislation and regulations to strengthen controls and increase accountability; and submits reports with recommendations to the Council and Executive. The Inspector General conducts projects jointly with other government agencies and contractors.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY07	Budget FY08	Estimated FY08	Approved FY09	% Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	422,929	500,280	485,520	457,300	-8.6%
Employee Benefits	80,471	113,210	78,340	101,470	-10.4%
County General Fund Personnel Costs	503,400	613,490	563,860	558,770	-8.9%
Operating Expenses	27,360	53,990	49,630	137,950	155.5%
Capital Outlay	3,715	0	0	4,000	—
County General Fund Expenditures	534,475	667,480	613,490	700,720	5.0%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	4	6	6	5	-16.7%
Part-Time	2	1	1	0	—
Workyears	4.9	5.8	5.8	5.0	-13.8%

FY09 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	WYs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY08 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	667,480	5.8
Changes (with service impacts)		
Add: Consulting Services	25,000	0.0
Eliminate: Public Administration Intern position	-56,630	-1.0
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY08 Operating Expenses	62,320	0.0
Increase Cost: General Wage and Service Increment Adjustments	29,030	0.0
Increase Cost: Retirement Adjustment	9,150	0.0
Increase Cost: Annualization of Capital Outlay	4,000	0.0
Increase Cost: Group Insurance Adjustment	2,850	0.0
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail Adjustments	400	0.0
Decrease Cost: Elimination of One-Time Items Approved in FY08	-3,760	0.0
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY08 Personnel Costs	-39,120	0.2
FY09 APPROVED:	700,720	5.0