



Inspector General

Mission Statement




The mission of the Office of 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 FY17 Operating Budget for the Office of Inspector General is \$1,040,681, a decrease of \$2,481 or 0.24 percent from the FY16 Approved Budget of \$1,043,162. Personnel Costs comprise 93.72 percent of the budget for six full-time position(s) and no part-time position(s), and a total of 7.00 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 6.28 percent of the FY17 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**

Department Performance Measures

Performance measures for this department are included below (where applicable). The FY16 estimates reflect funding based on the FY16 approved budget. The FY17 and FY18 figures are performance targets based on the FY17 approved budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY18.

Measure	Actual FY14	Actual FY15	Estimated FY16	Target FY17	Target FY18
Program Measures					
Percent of recommendations accepted	86%	100%	90%	90%	90%
Percent of complaints reviewed and action initiated within 5 business days	100%	94%	90%	90%	90%
Percent of initial inquiries (with no reports or memo) completed within 60 days	85%	86%	70%	70%	70%
Percent of incident reports resolved or referred to management within 90 days	96%	95%	70%	70%	70%
Percent of audit/inspection/investigation reports completed within 180 days	43%	55%	50%	50%	50%

Accomplishments

- The October 2014 report on Sick Leave Usage identified sick leave abuse by retiring members of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS). In response to these findings, the County is improving accountability and enforcement of sick leave policies at MCFRS.
- In collaboration with the Montgomery County Ethics Commission, the December 2014 report on Allegations of Misconduct by Certain Commissioners of the Montgomery Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) identified conflict of interest issues.
- The February 2015 report on the Water Quality Protection Charge identified ambiguities in the regulations governing the program.

Program Contacts

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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 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 FY15	Budget FY16	Estimate FY16	Approved FY17	%Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	574,639	818,464	719,770	803,259	-1.9 %
Employee Benefits	120,597	156,396	145,332	172,023	10.0 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	695,236	974,860	865,102	975,282	—
Operating Expenses	18,451	68,302	47,442	65,399	-4.3 %
County General Fund Expenditures	713,687	1,043,162	912,544	1,040,681	-0.2 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	4	6	6	6	---
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	---
FTEs	5.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	---

FY17 Approved Changes

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY16 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	1,043,162	7.00
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Increase Cost: FY17 Compensation Adjustment	11,951	0.00
Increase Cost: Group Insurance Adjustment	3,750	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail	97	0.00
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(1,340)	0.00
Shift: Telecommunications to the Telecommunications Non-Departmental Account	(3,000)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY16 Personnel Costs	(13,939)	0.00
FY17 APPROVED	1,040,681	7.00

Future Fiscal Impacts

Title	CC APPROVED (\$000s)					
	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY17 Approved	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,041
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Labor Contracts	0	7	7	7	7	7
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	1,041	1,048	1,048	1,048	1,048	1,048

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