



Inspector General

Recommended FY18 Budget

\$1,071,872

Full Time Equivalents

7.00

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 recommended FY18 Operating Budget for the Office of Inspector General is \$1,071,872, an increase of \$31,191 or 3.00 percent from the FY17 Approved Budget of \$1,040,681. Personnel Costs comprise 95.87 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 4.13 percent of the FY18 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 FY17 estimates reflect funding based on the FY17 approved budget. The FY18 and FY19 figures are performance targets based on the FY18 recommended budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY19.

Measure	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Estimated FY17	Target FY18	Target FY19
Program Measures					
Percent of recommendations accepted	100%	33%	67%	67%	67%
Percent of complaints reviewed and action initiated within 5 business days	94%	99%	90%	90%	90%
Percent of initial inquiries (with no reports or memo) completed within 60 days	86%	83%	70%	70%	70%
Percent of incident reports resolved or referred to management within 90 days	95%	95%	70%	70%	70%
Percent of audit/inspection/investigation reports completed within 180 days	55%	11%	50%	50%	50%

Accomplishments

- The OIG issued audit reports to the County government and six independent County agencies between January and March 2016 which addressed each agency's purchase card policies and procedures. Existing practices were compared to 28 identified best practice controls and each agency was advised about the controls present and missing. Many of those agencies have since reported to the County Council that most, if not all, of the missing control recommendations have been implemented.
- The OIG completed 26 preliminary inquiries and referrals during the year that addressed Complainant allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government or independent County agencies. Three matters related to property tax processing. In one, the Department of Finance worked with Maryland's State Department of Assessments and Taxation to retroactively remove an OIG-identified, erroneous dual principal residency designation and rebill for corrected taxes. In two other instances, the OIG worked with the Department of Finance to implement controls and corrective actions. Fourteen of the remaining preliminary inquiries or referrals addressed matters within County government departments and seven related to independent County agencies. Two referrals were made to State and Federal agencies.
- The Inspector General completed one confidential inquiry on behalf of the Montgomery County Ethics Commission pursuant to Montgomery County Code §19A (6)(e).

Program Contacts

Contact Ed Blansitt of the Office of Inspector General at 240.777.8241 or Trevor Lobaugh of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2763 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 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 FY16	Budget FY17	Estimate FY17	Recommended FY18	%Chg Bud/Rec
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	699,142	803,259	809,162	847,414	5.5 %
Employee Benefits	140,503	172,023	172,023	180,163	4.7 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	839,645	975,282	981,185	1,027,577	5.4 %

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	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Estimate FY17	Recommended FY18	%Chg Bud/Rec
Operating Expenses	19,552	65,399	65,399	44,295	-32.3 %
County General Fund Expenditures	859,197	1,040,681	1,046,584	1,071,872	3.0 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	6	6	6	6	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	—

FY18 RECOMMENDED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY17 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	1,040,681	7.00
Changes (with service impacts)		
Reduce: Consultant/SME Services Available for OIG Audits & Investigations [Inspector General]	(20,814)	0.00
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: FY18 Compensation Adjustment	29,180	0.00
Increase Cost: Salary Adjustments	17,380	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY17 Personnel Costs	7,389	0.00
Decrease Cost: Printing and Mail	(290)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(1,654)	0.00
FY18 RECOMMENDED	1,071,872	7.00

FUTURE FISCAL IMPACTS

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Title	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY18 Recommended	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Labor Contracts	0	13	13	13	13	13
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	1,072	1,085	1,085	1,085	1,085	1,085

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