



# Office of Ethics & Accountability FY 2026 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis Division

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# Agenda

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Department Overview

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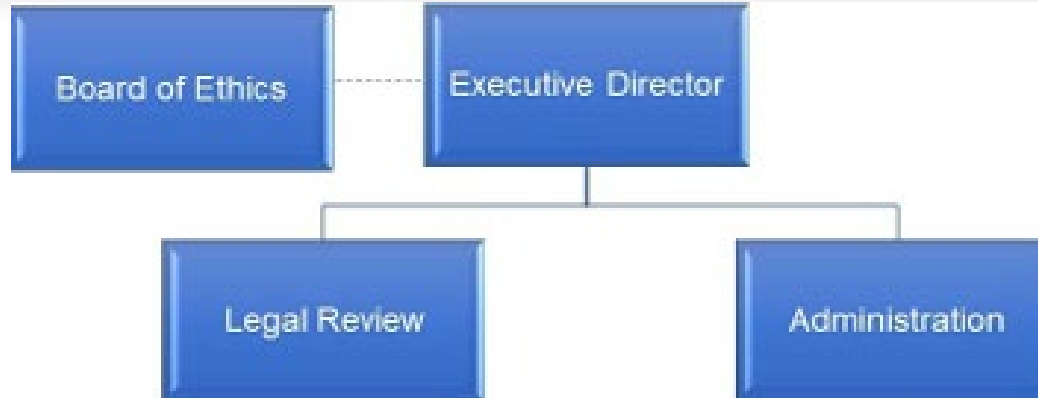
Staffing

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Highlights

# Office of Ethics & Accountability

Todd M. Turner, Esq. – Executive Director



FY 2025 – Continues to work with OHRM, offering mandatory training for 6,000+ employees

FY 2025 – Expanded use of the OEA Web Portal, which is used to process financial disclosure statements and lobbyist registrants

## Mission

- **Enforces the Prince George's County Code of Ethics in order to ensure the ethical conduct of individuals who serve in County Government**

## Core Services



- **Administer public ethics laws**
- **Provide ethics training and advice to County employees**
- **Review financial disclosure and lobbying records Investigate alleged ethical violations and allegations of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts**
- **Provide administrative support to the County's Board of Ethics**
- **Provide analysis, reporting and recommendations to Executive and Legislative branches**

# Board of Ethics

Five board member established to administer  
County's Code of Ethics

The board currently has two holdovers and  
one vacancy

**Charlene Gallion**

- Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> term expired 12/1/2024 - Holdover

**Melanie Barr-Brook**

- Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term expired 12/23/2023 - Holdover

**Kiara Hunt**

- Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/1/2026

**Jason Papanikolas**

- Member, 1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/1/2027

# Strategic Focus FY 2026



Continue to sustain and effectively administer the County's electronic filing/case management system

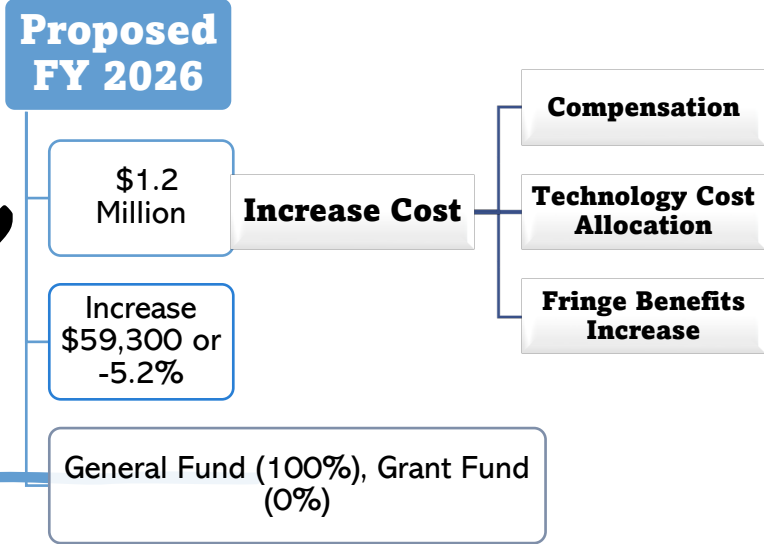
This allows County residents, employees, and elected/appointed officials access to online filing of:

- Complaints
- Required Financial Disclosure Statements
- Lobbyist Registrations/Annual Reports
- 24/7/365 access

Efficiently investigate all complaints in accordance with applicable laws

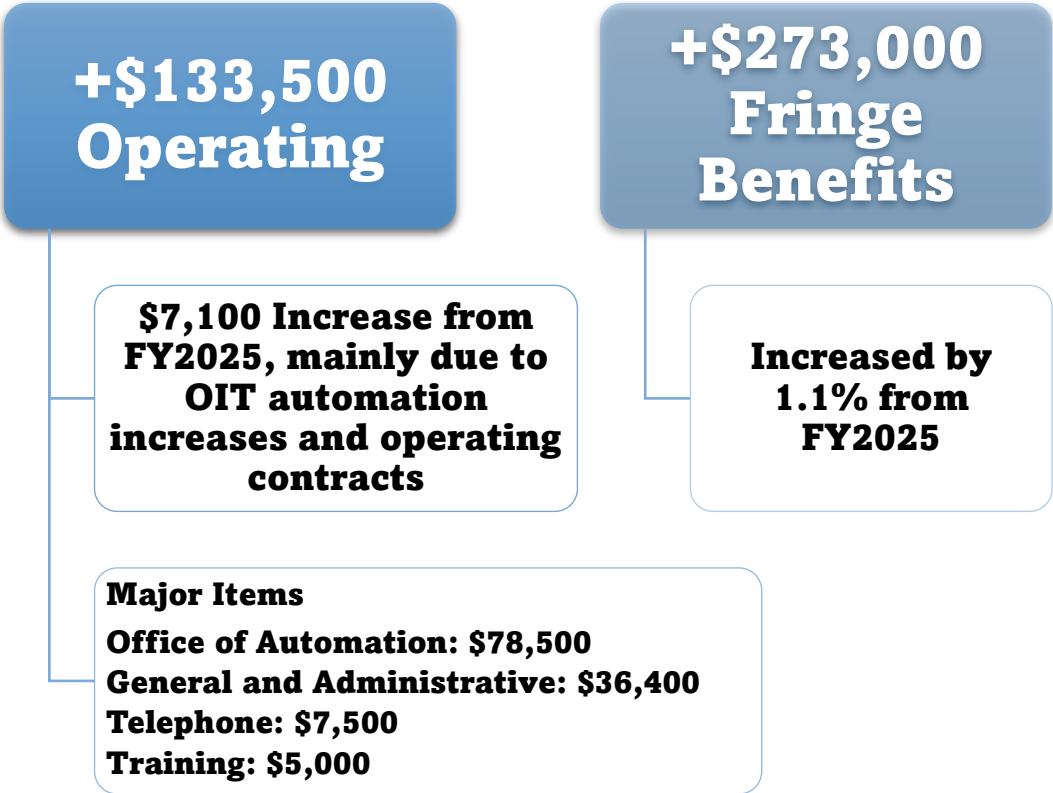
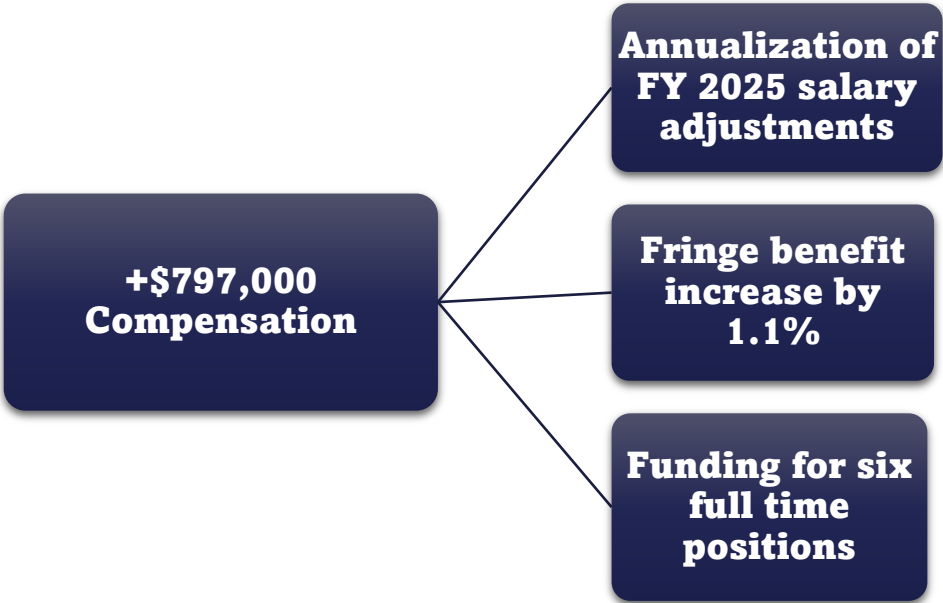
To ensure timely responses, analysis, reporting, and recommendations to management

# FY 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY



Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$712,949	\$747,800	\$737,300	\$797,000	\$49,200	6.6%
Fringe Benefits	230,879	270,000	244,000	273,000	3,000	1.1%
Operating	141,533	126,400	124,100	133,500	7,100	5.6%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$1,085,361	\$1,144,200	\$1,105,400	\$1,203,500	\$59,300	5.2%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$1,085,361	\$1,144,200	\$1,105,400	\$1,203,500	\$59,300	5.2%



# STAFFING

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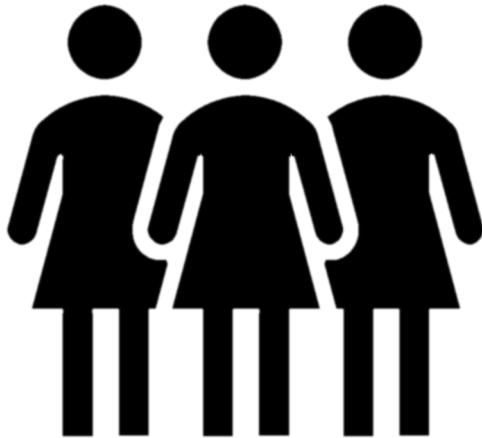
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## VACANCY

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General funds for 6 full-time positions

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Positions include – An Executive Director, Attorney, Investigator, Administrative Aide, Administrative Specialist, and a Compliance Specialist

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The office reported one vacancy in its complement of staff

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The attrition rate to date for FY25 is 16.7%

# Highlights



Continues to see growth with its investigations, lobbying in the County, and public complaints  
Cases have increased since establishment in 2014



Continued its outreach functions, including attending Bowiefest, National Night Out, and Food and Friends in late FY2024 and FY2025



Continued to expand the online payment system for late fees and fines from designated filers of Financial Disclosure Statements and lobbyists





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