



Office of Ethics & Accountability FY 2027 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis Division

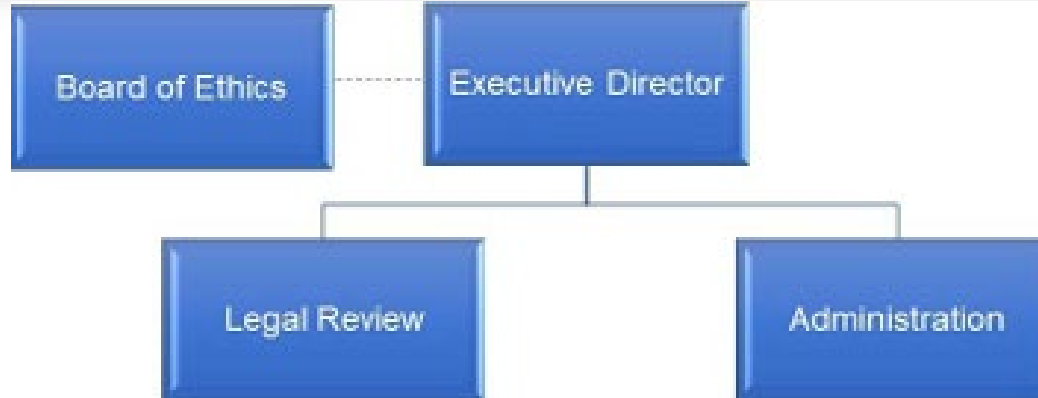
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FY 2027 – Continues to work with OHRM, offering mandatory training for 6,000+ employees

FY 2027 – 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 (5) member Board established to administer County's Code of Ethics

The board currently has one (1) vacancy

Jason Papanikolas

- Member, 2nd term expires 12/1/2027

Rev. Dr. Gerald T. Folsom

- Member, 1st term expires 12/1/2027

Kara Hunt

- Member, 1st term expires 12/1/2026

Lori M. Matthews

- Member, 1st term expires 12/1/2026

Vacant [1]

- Pending

Strategic Focus FY 2027

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 2027 BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed FY 2027

\$1.241 Million

Increase Cost

Compensation

Technology Cost Allocation

Fringe Benefits Increase

Increase \$37,600 or 3.1%

General Fund (100%), Grant Fund (0%)

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$726,904	\$797,000	\$772,500	\$816,200	\$19,200	2.4%
Fringe Benefits	241,586	273,000	275,000	288,700	15,700	5.8%
Operating	119,513	133,500	133,400	136,200	2,700	2.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$1,088,003	\$1,203,500	\$1,180,900	\$1,241,100	\$37,600	3.1%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$1,088,003	\$1,203,500	\$1,180,900	\$1,241,100	\$37,600	3.1%

+\$816,200 Compensation

Annualization of FY 2027 salary adjustments

Fringe benefit increase by 5.8%

Funding for six (6) full time positions

+\$136,200 Operating

\$2,700 Increase from FY2026, mainly due to OIT automation increases and operating contracts

Major Items

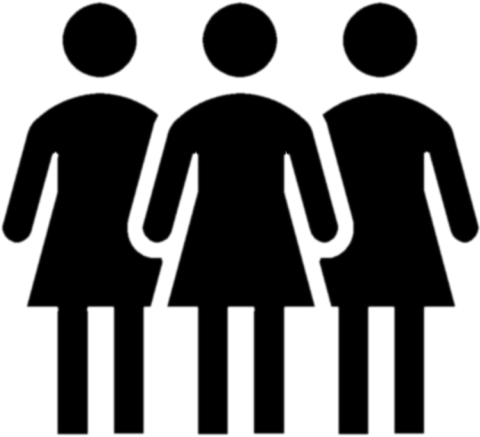
- Office Automation \$81,600
- General & Administrative Contracts \$32,000
- Training \$8,300
- Telephone \$4,500

+\$288,700 Fringe Benefits

Increased by 5.8% from FY2026

STAFFING

Authorized Positions	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27
General Fund				
Full Time - Civilian	6	6	6	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	6	6	6	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0



General funds for 6 full-time positions

Unchanged in FY 2027

- 1) Executive Director**
- 2) Attorney**
- 3) Investigator**
- 4) Administrative Aide**
- 5) Administrative Specialist**
- 6) Compliance Specialist**

Highlights

Processed approximately 1,100 Financial Disclosure Statements for the 2025 calendar year.

- Of those disclosures submitted, over 95% of them along with 100% of new lobbyist registrants are processed via use of the OEA Web-Portal that was deployed in April 2016 to replace the extensive paper-based collection effort previously in place

Continued its review of registrations and annual reports of registered lobbyists for omissions and errors of reporting

- In fiscal year 2025, OEA processed 291 annual reports from 65 registered lobbyists
- OEA is conducting random audits

Continued to meet one of its principal objectives of global ethics education to over 6,000 County employees, officials, board, and commission-appointed members

Training – as part of mandatory OHRM Annual Compliance Education (ACE) in 2026 – there is required Ethics and Political Activity training

General Assembly Legislation

(HB 328 – PG/MC 105-26)

OEA has one (1) State legislation which passed in General Assembly (HB 328 – PG/MC 105-26)

To clarify the Bi-County Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) process

Effective Date October 1, 2026

Will have minimal impact on OEA operations

With the passage of HB 328 in the General Assembly, it will require changes to the County Code of Ethics and review by the State Ethics Commission as described above

Senate Bill 0618, which also passed

Would let a legislator work for a state, county or local government if that person had served one elected term in the General Assembly and met other standards

including having “objectively satisfied the minimum


education, licensure and experience requirements” of the job


The effective date will be January 13, 2027

The impact on OEA will be to review secondary employment for related cases



THANK YOU

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