

**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET TESTIMONY**

**INTRODUCTION**

Good Morning, Council President Johnson and Members of City Council. I am Alexander DeSantis, Inspector General, and I am pleased to provide testimony on the Office of Inspector General’s Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

**DEPARTMENT MISSION & PLANS**

**Mission:** The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is charged with keeping City government free from all forms of corruption, fraud, and misconduct. The OIG conducts both criminal and administrative investigations of all departments, agencies, commissions, and boards under the Mayor’s jurisdiction, as well as individuals or companies that do business with the City or receive City funding. The OIG has the power to: issue subpoenas; examine all City documents, contracts, and monetary expenditures made from the City treasury; and compel testimony from City employees. The OIG works with federal, state, and local law enforcement when reviewing issues related to criminal activity and serious cases of fraud and corruption. OIG’s work also relies on the support of fellow Philadelphians who report allegations of wrongdoing in City government.

**Plans for Fiscal Year 2027:** To improve public confidence in City government, the OIG’s overall strategy begins with education and public discourse. The OIG takes great care to educate all City employees and members of the public about the OIG’s role and the model of good local government. Simultaneously, the Office is open about its case outcomes and seeks to publicize the OIG’s work. These foundational steps have two desired effects: they create visible deterrents to those who may wish to engage in fraud, corruption, or misconduct, and raise awareness and give people an outlet to raise integrity-related concerns. This, in turn, drives complaint activity and generates actionable investigations. The OIG focuses on building effective partnerships across local, state, and federal government to achieve actionable case outcomes together with the City’s operating departments and/or law enforcement.

**PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW & OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS**

<b>General Fund Financial Summary by Class, Office of the Inspector General</b>						
	FY25 Original Appropriations	FY25 Actual Obligations	FY26 Original Appropriations	FY26 Estimated Obligations	FY27 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY27 Proposed-FY26 Estimated
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$2,463,188	\$1,863,732	\$2,534,057	\$2,563,502	\$2,573,317	\$9,815
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$374,695	\$127,327	\$474,695	\$474,695	\$374,695	(\$100,000)
Class 300/400 - Materials, Supplies & Equipment	\$8,665	\$7,873	\$8,665	\$8,665	\$8,665	\$0
	<b>\$2,846,548</b>	<b>\$1,998,932</b>	<b>\$3,017,417</b>	<b>\$3,046,862</b>	<b>\$2,956,677</b>	<b>(\$90,185)</b>

<b>General Fund Financial Summary by Class, Prison Oversight</b>				
	FY26 Original Appropriations	FY26 Estimated Obligations	FY27 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY27 Proposed-FY26 Estimated
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$1,021,158	\$1,021,158	\$1,052,648	\$31,490
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$349,027	\$349,027	\$349,027	\$0
Class 300/400 - Materials, Supplies & Equipment	\$27,922	\$27,922	\$27,922	\$0
	<b>\$1,398,107</b>	<b>\$1,398,107</b>	<b>\$1,429,597</b>	<b>\$31,490</b>

*\*Prison Oversight was created in FY26 and prior fiscal year data is not applicable. Budgetary information can be found in the Office of Public Safety’s budget detail.*

<b>Contracts Summary (Professional Services only)</b>						
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26 YTD (Q1 & Q2)	FY27 Projected
Total amount of contracts	\$75,827	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Total amount to S/LBE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total amount to M/W/DSBE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
S/LBE Participation Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
M/W/DSBE Participation Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

*\*S/LBE not yet available as the City works to build the S/LBE registry and begin setting small and local business participation goals.*

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Total S/LBE Contract Participation Goal (Public Works; Services, Supplies & Equipment; and Professional Services combined)			
	FY25	FY26	FY27 Projected
S/LBE Contract Participation Goal	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**Proposed Funding Request:**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund budget totals \$2,956,677, a decrease of \$90,185 from Fiscal Year 2026 estimated obligation levels. This decrease is primarily due to a one-time appropriation in Fiscal Year 2026 to support administrative costs associated with the OIG’s ombuds work.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$2,573,317 in Class 100, a \$9,815 increase over FY26 estimated obligations due to exempt employee raises. This funding will support the OIG’s personnel.
- \$374,695 in Class 200, a \$100,000 decrease from FY26 estimated obligations due to one-time funding in FY26 for ombuds support. This funding will support staff training, work-related travel, administrative expenses, and a supplementary investigative professional services contract.
- \$8,665 in Class 300/400, level with FY26 estimated obligations. This funding supports the office’s administrative expenses.

**STAFFING LEVELS**

The department is requesting 26 budgeted positions for FY27, level with FY26.

<b>Employment Levels (as of November 2025)</b>			
	FY26 Budgeted	Filled as of November 2025	FY27 Proposed
Number of Full-Time Positions	26	22	26
Number of Exempt Positions	26	22	26
Number of Executive Positions (deputy level and above)		4	
Average Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$99,924	
Median Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$83,640	

**NEW HIRES**

<b>New Hires (from 7/1/2025 to November 2025)</b>	
	Total Number of New Hires
White	1
Total	1

*The Office of the Inspector General hired two new employees between November 2025 and April 2026.*

**VACANCY RATE AND ALLOWANCE**

<b>Vacancy Rate Summary (General Fund)</b>						
	FY25 Actual Vacancy Rate	FY26 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance	FY26 Vacancy Rate	FY26 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance Rate	FY27 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance	FY27 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance Rate
Departmental Total	26.9%	(\$101,362)	15.4%	4.0%	N/A	N/A

*The Office of the Inspector General's Proposed FY27 budget does not include a vacancy allowance.*

**OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS**

**Federal and State (Where Applicable)**

N/A

**CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE**

M/W/DSBE Participation on Large Professional Services Contracts											
Top Five Largest Contracts, FY26											
Vendor Name	Service Provided	Dollar Amount of Contract	RFP Issue Date	Contract Start Date	Ranges in RFP	% of M/W/DSBE and SBE Participation Achieved	\$ Value of M/W/DSBE and SBE Participation	Total % Participation - All DSBEs	Total \$ Value Participation - All DSBEs	Local Business	Waiver for Living Wage Compliance?
HJ Sweeney & Associates	Investigative Services	\$80,000	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	MBE: BGFE	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	No	No
					WBE: BGFE	0%	\$0				
					DSBE: BGFE	0%	\$0				
					S/LBE: BGFE	0%	\$0				

*\*Non-Profit Vendor Demographics not applicable.*

**PROGRAM BASED BUDGETING:**

**Program Name:** OIG Investigations

**Program Number:** 01

**FY27 Proposed General Fund:** \$2,956,677

**Program Description:** The OIG fields and evaluates allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse within City offices and/or programs. In cases where evidence substantiates wrongdoing, the OIG offers written recommendations for corrective action.

**FY27 Strategic Goals:** The OIG’s primary focus will continue to be meaningful administrative, civil, and criminal case results. The OIG seeks to increase complaint activity through internal and external engagement activities. The OIG will continue to build infrastructure for the Office of the Ombuds for Homeless Services, including hiring additional staff, case management, and dispute resolution procedures for those who may be experiencing homelessness. The OIG will also play a key support role in establishing the new Prisons Community Oversight Board, established via Home Rule Charter Amendment in 2025.

**FY27 Performance Measures:**

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Administrative actions (number of cases)	28	> 30	> 30
Criminal actions (number of cases)	15	> 10	> 10
Pension disqualifications (number of cases)	4	4 to 6	4 to 6