

FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan

Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

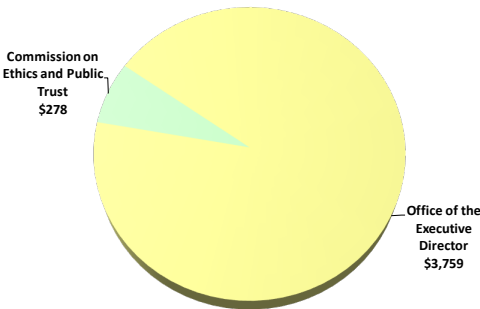
The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (Ethics Commission) is an independent agency with advisory, investigatory and quasi-judicial powers. The purpose of the Ethics Commission is to promote and enforce high standards of ethical conduct in government and to build and maintain confidence in public servants.

In supporting the strategic priority of Fiscal Responsibility and Efficiency, the Ethics Commission is dedicated to reinforcing public trust in the administration of government by informing County and municipal elected officials, employees, the public and the private sector about the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (County Ethics Code) and the various municipal ethics ordinances. The Ethics Commission is authorized to investigate complaints and render advisory opinions related to the following County or municipal legislation: the County Ethics Code including sections related to Lobbyist Registration and Cone of Silence, the Citizens’ Bill of Rights, Ethical Campaign Practices, the Employee Protection Ordinance and the Public Service Honor Code. It also provides guidance on State of Florida Public Records and Government in the Sunshine laws. Community outreach and educational programs are crucial components of the Ethics Commission's mission. The Ethics Commission hosts a wide array of programs to educate the public on issues concerning ethics, good governance and accountability through town hall meetings, panel discussions and training workshops, as well as local and national conferences and forums.

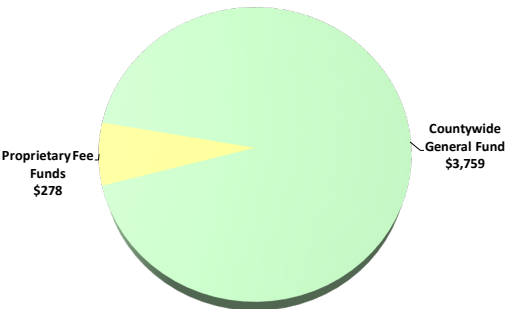
The Ethics Commission, by Board ordinance, has jurisdiction extending to municipalities within Miami-Dade County. Its jurisdiction also extends to lobbyists, contractors and vendors. The Ethics Commission works closely with the Office of the Inspector General and the State Attorney’s Office, as well as other law enforcement agencies.

FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget

Expenditures by Activity
(dollars in thousands)



Revenues by Source
(dollars in thousands)



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OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	Actual FY 23-24	Actual FY 24-25	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide	2,717	3,019	3,470	3,759
Carryover	111	27	0	28
Fees and Charges	119	153	120	120
Lobbyist Trust Fund	128	118	130	130
Total Revenues	3,075	3,317	3,720	4,037
Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Salary	2,134	2,269	2,514	2,707
Fringe Benefits	806	903	1,034	1,157
Contractual Services	6	1	13	13
Other Operating	69	60	110	111
Charges for County Services	27	55	32	32
Capital	6	1	17	17
Total Operating Expenditures	3,048	3,289	3,720	4,037
Non-Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Depreciation, Amortizations and Depletion	0	0	0	0
Reserve	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	0	0	0	0

(dollars in thousands)	Total Funding		Total Positions	
Expenditure By Program	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Strategic Priority: Fiscal Responsibility and Efficiency				
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust	250	278	0	0
Office of the Executive Director	3,470	3,759	19	19
Total Operating Expenditures	3,720	4,037	19	19

SELECTED ITEM HIGHLIGHTS AND DETAILS

Line-Item Highlights	(dollars in thousands)				
	Actual FY 23-24	Actual FY 24-25	Budget FY 25-26	Projection FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0
Fuel	0	0	0	0	0
Overtime	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Security Services	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Services	0	0	0	0	0
Travel and Registration	1	2	6	7	7
Utilities	8	7	9	9	9

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
Provides administrative support to the Ethics Commission; recommends legislative and policy initiatives that promote ethical government and accountability; issues and approves ethics opinions; supervises and participates in ethics training programs for public officials, employees and candidates for elected office.		
	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>FY 26-27</u>
	19	19

The FY 2026-27 total number of full-time equivalent positions is 19

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget includes a transfer of \$130,000, as required under Ordinance 10-56, from the Office of the Clerk Lobbyist Trust Fund to support ethics training and conference expenditures including, but not limited to, educational materials and personnel expenditures

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DIVISION: OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust promotes and enforces high standards of ethical conduct in government and builds and maintains confidence in public servants.

Strategic Plan Objectives

- FRE1-1: Support a customer-focused organization by providing convenient access to information and services, and by ensuring processes are easy to navigate

Departmental Objectives	Performance Measures	Measure Type	Good Direction	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
				Actual	Actual	Budget	Target
Improve the image of County Government	Number of complaints filed	IN	↔	51	105	55	60
	Number of requests for opinions	IN	↔	256	200	275	200
	Number of hotline, mailbox and general inquiry responses	OP	↔	447	576	510	510
	Number of ethics trainings, workshops and outreach events	OP	↔	96	116	109	100
	Number of compliance submissions addressed and administratively resolved*	OP	↔	N/A	1,300	1,300	1,350
	Number of lobbyist appeal cases*	IN	↔	N/A	115	115	115
	Number of charging instruments subject to investigation*	OP	↔	26	31	30	30

*This is a new measure, as of FY 2025-26