Inspector General

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) serves the residents of Miami-Dade County by identifying fraud, mismanagement, waste and abuse in County projects, programs and contracts. Created by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in response to the public's demand for more accountable government, the enacting legislation ensures that the OIG is independent and autonomous, so that it may carry out its oversight.

As part of the General Government strategic area, the OIG routinely reviews and evaluates proposals, contracts and programs for a range of management criteria. The OIG also investigates a variety of cases, including contractors doing business with and/or receiving funds from the County and cases of employee and official misconduct.

The OIG's jurisdiction encompasses all County departments, agencies, instrumentalities and the programs thereunder. This jurisdiction extends to all County employees, public officials, elected officials and vendors and contractors doing business with the County. The OIG has been designated a criminal justice agency by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation based upon statewide standards for Offices of Inspectors General.

FY 2025-26 Proposed Operating Budget

Expenditures by Activity

(dollars in thousands)

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Revenues by Source

(dollars in thousands)

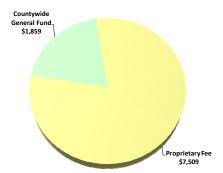


TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

 $\frac{\text{INSPECTOR GENERAL}}{\text{Provides oversight to Miami-Dade County operations by investigating, auditing and reviewing County programs, projects and contracts to detect and prevent fraud, mismanagement, waste and abuse}$

FY 24-25 FY 25-26 42 42

The FY 2025-26 total number of full-time equivalent positions is 42 $\,$

DIVISION: INSPECTOR GENERAL

The OIG's principal objective is to promote accountability and efficiency in government and to prevent and detect misconduct, fraud and abuse in County programs and contracts. The OIG strives to ensure that taxpayers get a fair and honest accounting of their money and, where possible, seeks appropriate remedies to recover public funds.

- Communicates the Office's accomplishments through report distribution, website communication and public awareness initiatives
- Investigates, audits and inspects programs, projects and contracts to detect and prevent fraud, mismanagement, waste and abuse
- Provides all professional support to these functions including publicly reporting findings
- Publicly reports findings and initiates or makes civil, administrative and criminal referrals where necessary

Strategic Plan Objectives

• GG1-1: Support a customer-focused organization by providing convenient access to information and services, and by ensuring processes are easy to navigate

Departmental	Performance	Measure	Good	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Objectives	Measures	Туре	Direction	Actual	Actual	Budget	Target
Promote accountability and efficiency in government	Complaints received	IN	\leftrightarrow	508	411	450	450
	Percentage of complainants receiving feedback about initial disposition of complaint within 30 days	oc	↑	95%	95%	95%	95%
Increase the public's awareness of the OIG's findings by providing easy access to reports and information distributed by the OIG via the Internet	Reports issued	OP	\leftrightarrow	25	36	10	15
	Advisory memoranda issued	OP	\leftrightarrow	19	10	15	10
	Contracts/programs audited and reviewed	OP	\leftrightarrow	30	41	25	25

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget includes charges of one quarter of one percent to certain procurement and
 construction contracts (\$4.6 million), estimated reimbursements of \$625,000 for audits and investigative work performed
 for Aviation (\$300,000), Water and Sewer (\$75,000), Solid Waste Management (\$25,000), Transportation and Public
 Works (\$100,000), and the Miami-Dade County School Board (\$125,000)
- In April 2025, the OIG underwent a reaccreditation review by the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation; this reaccreditation takes place every three years, with the OIG's initial accreditation having taken place in 2010; likewise, the OIG also undergoes peer reviews conducted by the Association of Inspectors General, a national organization setting professional standards for offices of inspectors general; in November 2022, the OIG passed its peer review and the next review is scheduled for the fall of 2025; these external reviews are important measures to assure that the OIG's operations adhere to professional standards
- OIG investigations into vendor and contractor activities touch multiple departments including Aviation, WASD, DTPW, Seaport, Housing and Community Development, Regulatory and Economic Resources
- The OIG's audit of the County's Equitable Distribution Program (EDP) continues; this audit focuses on departmental utilization of the program inclding ampliance with EDP guidelines and requesting waivers; fieldwork is complete at several departments and several more departments will be included in the audit's scope for testing
- In FY 2024-25, the OIG continued its on-going audit of departmental utilization of the County's Miscellaneous Construction Contracts (MCC) 7040 and 7360 programs; these programs serve as contracting pools for procuring construction services under \$5 million; a review of the People and Internal Operations Department's utilization of the MCC program is in progress
- OIG contract oversight activity continues at the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) as the Consent Decree Program nears
 completion; additional WASD projects being monitored are the Ocean Outfall Legislation Program and the Connect to Protect
 program; WASD's procurement of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System is being closely monitored by OIG
 contract oversight specialists
- The OIG continues to monitor the construction of the new Civil and Probate Courthouse, which is nearing completion with an occupancy readiness targeted for the fall of 2025
- The OIG's on-going review of the Department of Transportation and Public Work's (DTPW) spare parts inventory to cover
 the maintenance and repair of railcars will transition to the monitoring of DTPW's initiation of its anticipated Mobility
 Sourcing Program, a procurement program authorizing designated purchases of original equipment manufacturer (OEM)
 parts
- The OIG has been actively engaged in monitoring procurement of Design-Build-Finance services for the Re-Alignment of the
 North Bulkhead Cruise Berths; this is a significant capital project being undertaken by the Seaport Department, which is
 resulting in an Interim Agreement; OIG contract oversight specialists have been providing independent oversight and
 observations to staff since the inception of this procurement; OIG oversight will continue through negotiations towards the
 final project agreement
- Contract oversight specialists also work with the OIG's investigative squad stationed at Miami International Airport; this cross-discipline approach to responding to complaints involving contracts, leases, concessions, and construction projects expedites the review process and provides a more holistic approach to assessing allegations to waste, fraud, and abuse
- In FY 2024-25, the OIG initiated a review of security cameras at selected County facilities
- OIG FY 2025-26 investigative priorities include investigations of fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct related to County programs, operations, contracts, and employees
- The OIG partners with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) South Florida Public Corruption Task Force and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Public Corruption Task Force; the OIG's partnership with these task forces will continue in FY 2025-26

- In FY 2023-24, investigative resources were dedicated to fraud complaints received by the OIG involving the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); in FY 2024-25, the OIG partnered with the County's Housing and Community Development Department and the Office of the Property Appraiser to examine background information, such as homestead exemptions, to advance the investigation of these cases; a partnership with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office to review these cases for potential criminal prosecution was also formed; the OIG anticipates that in FY 2025-26, several of these investigations will be concluded and/or advanced to the next level in the criminal justice system
- In FY 2025-26, the OIG will explore the feasibility of incorporating AI (artificial intelligence) into the data review and report writing process

SELECTED ITEM HIGHLIGHTS AND DETAILS

	(dollars in thousands)						
Line-Item Highlights	Actual	Actual	Budget	Projection	Proposed		
	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26		
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	1	1	4	4	4		
Temporary Services	0	0	0	0	0		
Travel and Registration	21	20	39	37	29		
Utilities	13	14	16	15	16		

OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed
(dollars in thousands)	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide	1,141	3,633	1,850	1,859
Carryover	1,449	1,441	2,216	2,174
Departmental Oversight (MOUs)	601	653	782	625
Fees and Charges	5,259	5,803	4,100	4,600
Interest Earnings	147	152	50	100
Miscellaneous Revenues	1	1	10	10
Total Revenues	8,598	11,683	9,008	9,368
Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Salary	5,463	5,640	6,249	6,519
Fringe Benefits	1,733	1,867	2,320	2,442
Court Costs	18	4	10	10
Contractual Services	6	0	4	6
Other Operating	157	182	255	246
Charges for County Services	53	58	87	84
Capital	55	22	83	61
Total Operating Expenditures	7,485	7,773	9,008	9,368
Non-Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Transfers	0	0	0	C
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	C
Debt Service	0	0	0	C
Depreciation, Amortizations and Depletion	0	0	0	C
Reserve	0	0	0	C
Total Non-Operating	0	0	0	C
Expenditures				

	Total	Total Funding		Total Positions			
(dollars in thousands)	Budget	Proposed	Budge	t Pi	Proposed		
Expenditure By Program	FY 24-25	Y 24-25 FY 25-26		25	FY 25-26		
Strategic Area: General Government							
Inspector General	9,00	08 9,3	368	42	42		
Total Operating Expenditur	es 9,00	08 9,3	368	42	42		