

Department Description

In November 2020, the citizens of Columbus voted to approve an amendment to the City Charter to establish a civilian police review board and a Department of the Inspector General for the Columbus Division of Police.

The initiative was one of several recommendations presented to the Mayor by the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission, which was tasked with reviewing Columbus Division of Police recruitment, training, policies, and procedures through the lens of 21st century policing.

Department Mission

To enhance transparency and build trust through the objective and independent oversight of the Columbus Police Department.

The Department of the Inspector General functions as a city-funded, operationally independent, professionally staffed, public-facing entity. This department has the authority to participate comprehensively in criminal or administrative investigations involving the Division of Police personnel. Its duties and responsibilities encompass developing administrative rules, and receiving, initiating, reviewing, and facilitating the investigation of complaints of misconduct. Additionally, it can make recommendations on complaint resolutions and disciplinary actions. In specific situations, it also has the power to subpoena witnesses and evidence.

Budget Summary									
Fund		2022 Actual		2023		2024	2025 Proposed		
				Actual		Budget			
General Fund		831,453		1,443,385		2,376,972		2,376,891	
Department Total	\$	831,453	<u>\$</u>	1,443,385	\$	2,376,972	\$	2,376,891	





2025 BUDGET NOTES

The 2025 budget for the Department of the Inspector General includes funding for eighteen full-time employees. Non-personnel funding totaling \$195,603 is included in the supplies and services categories to support the operational needs of the department, with \$4,500 budgeted to support expenses necessary for the effective operations of the Civilian Review Board.

Financial Summary by Area of Expense											
Districts		2022		2023		2024		2024		2025	
Division	Actual		Actual		Budget		Projected		Proposed		
Inspector General											
General Fund											
Personnel	\$	680,913	\$	1,344,507	\$	2,028,172	\$	1,704,307	\$	2,181,288	
Materials & Supplies		47,998		23,900		21,000		46,847		27,699	
Services		102,542		74,978		327,800		199,232		167,904	
General Fund Subtotal		831,453		1,443,385		2,376,972		1,950,386		2,376,891	
Department Total	\$	831,453	\$	1,443,385	\$	2,376,972	\$	1,950,386	\$	2,376,891	

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund		22 tual)23 tual	20 Bud		2025 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
Administration	10	0	13	0	18	0	18	0
Total	10	0	13	0	18	0	18	0

Operating Budget by Program							
B		2024	2024		2025	2025	
Program	Budget			Proposed		FTEs	
Administration	\$	2,355,562	18	\$	2,366,337	18	
Internal Services		5,176	0		6,054	0	
Civilian Review Board		16,234	0		4,500	0	
Department Total	\$	2,376,972	18	\$	2,376,891	18	



2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADMINISTRATION

INTERNAL SERVICES

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

To uphold the duties and responsibilities granted to the department by the citizens of Columbus to effectuate thorough and objective oversight of the Division of Police operations.

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

To receive, initiate, cause investigation of, and recommend resolution of complaints filed with it or undertaken by the Civilian Review Board alleging misconduct by sworn members of the Columbus Division of Police.

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