

Office of the Financial and Program Auditor

Mission

Working under the guidance and direction of the Audit Committee, the Office of the Financial and Program Auditor (OFPA) provides an independent means for determining the manner in which policies, programs, and resources authorized by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) are deployed by management and whether they are consistent with the intent of the Board and in compliance with all appropriate statutes, ordinances, and directives.

Focus

This agency plans, designs, and conducts studies, surveys, evaluations, and investigations of County agencies as assigned by the BOS or the Audit Committee acting on behalf of the BOS. The OFPA works apart from the Office of Internal Audit which focuses on day-to-day administration of the County as requested by the County Executive. For each study conducted, the agency focuses primarily on fiscal stewardship. The agency does this by developing, whenever possible, information during the studies performed which are used to identify revenue leakage, facilitate cost containment and revenue enhancement.

To assist OFPA with executing the responsibilities under its charge, members of the Fairfax County BOS submit study recommendations of which the findings and management responses are included in published studies. This process is utilized to provide the constituents, BOS and management reasonable assurance that fiscal and physical controls exist within the County.

Additionally, OFPA conducts follow-up work on prior period studies. As part of the post study work conducted, this agency reviews the agreed upon management's action plan. To facilitate the process, this agency collaborates with management prior to completion of the study. Through this collaboration, timelines for the implementation of corrective action and status updates are documented for presentation at upcoming Audit Committee Meetings.

Pandemic Response and Impact

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the OFPA has employed the telework option for staff to comply with social distancing guidelines. To ensure the continuity of OFPA's work, the agency has used daily and weekly assigned task tools to clear and reassess upcoming work. OFPA plans to continue this practice until the COVID-19 guidelines are rescinded. To continue with OFPA's efforts of financial oversight, operational oversight, and transparency, whereby the agency will report out to the Audit Committee (AC), the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and constituents, the AC meetings and reporting will be continued in an electronic format through teleconferencing tools.

Budget and Staff Resources

Category	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Adopted	FY 2021 Revised	FY 2022 Advertised
FUNDING				
Expenditures:				
Personnel Services	\$293,694	\$381,702	\$381,702	\$381,702
Operating Expenses	14,510	32,166	32,166	32,166
Total Expenditures	\$308,204	\$413,868	\$413,868	\$413,868
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS/FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
Regular	2 / 2	2 / 2	2 / 2	2 / 2
Exempt	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1

FY 2022 Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan are necessary to support the FY 2022 program:

FY 2022 funding remains at the same level as the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan.

Changes to FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2020 Carryover Review, FY 2021 Mid-Year Review, and all other approved changes through December 31, 2020:

There have been no adjustments to this agency since approval of the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan.

Position Detail

The FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan includes the following positions:

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1	Auditor, E	1	Management Analyst IV
		1	Management Analyst III
E	Denotes Exempt Position(s)		

Performance Measurement Results

OFPA provides an independent means for determining the manner in which resources authorized by the BOS are being deployed. During FY 2020, the agency completed seven studies which contained 29 recommendations. All recommendations were accepted by the Audit Committee and BOS.

Indicator	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Estimate	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Estimate
Division Name						
Percent of recommendations accepted by the Audit Committee	100%	100%	90%	100%	90%	90%

A complete list of performance measures can be viewed at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/fy-2022-advertised-performance-measures-pm>