

Ethics Commission

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ethics Commission is to enforce the Montgomery County Code of Ethics by ensuring the ethical conduct of individuals who serve the County government.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total approved FY08 Operating Budget for the Ethics Commission is \$236,410, an increase of \$11,520 or 5.1 percent from the FY07 Approved Budget of \$224,890. Personnel Costs comprise 95.8 percent of the budget for one full-time position and two part-time positions for 2.6 workyears. Operating Expenses account for the remaining 4.2 percent of the FY08 budget.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Barbara McNally of the Ethics Commission at 240.777.6670 or Trudy-Ann Hunter of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2778 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Ethics Program Compliance

The Ethics Commission administers the County's Code of Ethics by encouraging and enforcing compliance and ensuring the ethical conduct of employees of the Executive Branch, County Council, selected Boards and Commissions, the Revenue Authority, Housing Opportunities Commission, Fire Corporations, and Rescue Squads. The Commission also serves in an advisory capacity to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. The compliance goal is achieved through the following activities:

Education – the Ethics Commission provides ethics education and training for County officials and employees and provides computer access to all reporting forms required under the Ethics law.

Financial Disclosure – the Ethics law requires specific public officials and employees to disclose financial information to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

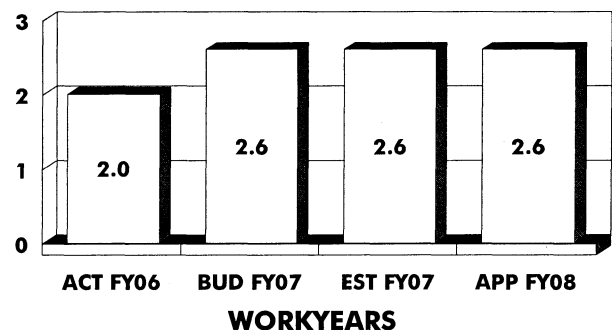
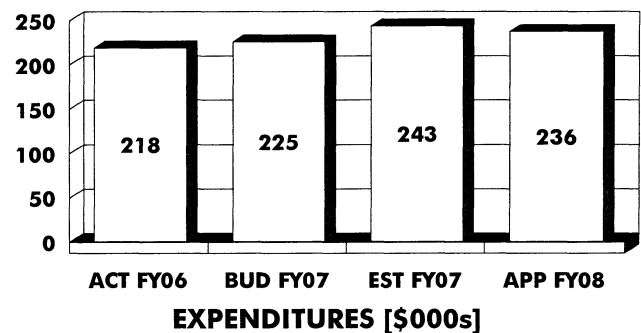
Lobbying Registration – requires lobbyists to register and report lobbying activities involving the County government when income or expenditures exceed \$500.

Outside Employment – requires employees and officials to obtain approval from the Commission to be engaged in outside employment.

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Ethics Program Compliance	236,410	2.6
Totals	236,410	2.6

Trends



FY08 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	224,890	2.6
FY08 Approved	236,410	2.6

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY06	Budget FY07	Estimated FY07	Approved FY08	% Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	142,116	149,060	163,760	158,420	6.3%
Employee Benefits	56,872	65,580	68,760	68,160	3.9%
County General Fund Personnel Costs	198,988	214,640	232,520	226,580	5.6%
Operating Expenses	19,101	10,250	10,250	9,830	-4.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Expenditures	218,089	224,890	242,770	236,410	5.1%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	2	1	1	1	—
Part-Time	0	2	2	2	—
Workyears	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	—

FY08 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	WYs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY07 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	224,890	2.6
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: General Wage and Service Increment Adjustments	9,870	0.0
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY07 Personnel Costs	2,020	0.0
Increase Cost: Retirement Rate Adjustment	1,020	0.0
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail Adjustments	50	0.0
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY07 Operating Expenses	-470	0.0
Decrease Cost: Group Insurance Rate Adjustment	-970	0.0
FY08 APPROVED:	236,410	2.6