

Office of Campaign Finance FY2023

Agency Office of Campaign Finance

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Mission The mission of the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) is to regulate and provide public disclosure and transparency to protect and ensure public trust in the integrity of the election process and government service.

Strategic Objectives

| Objective Number | Strategic Objective |
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| 1 | Provide fair, effective, and timely enforcement programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. |
| 2 | Provide high quality educational outreach services (entrance conferences, training seminars, publications, and online tutorials) to increase full disclosure and voluntary compliance with the Campaign Finance Act. |
| 3 | Provide fair, effective, and efficient audit programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. |
| 4 | Provide a high quality web-internet based public disclosure system to receive the online submission of financial reports, and to ensure the availability of campaign finance data and information in a manner that is easy to navigate, search, sort, and retrieve at the OCF Website. |
| 5 | Provide a fair, effective, and efficient public financing program for candidates who qualify to participate in the program and agree to abide by its requirements |
| 6 | Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government. |

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

| Measure | Directionality | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY 2022 Target | FY 2023 Target |
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| 1 - Provide fair, effective, and timely enforcement programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. (3 Measures) | | | | | |
| Percent of expedited advice for time-sensitive election related matters issued within fifteen (15) days of request | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of Interpretative Opinions issued within thirty (30) days | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of informal hearings conducted and closed before the next filing deadline | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| 2 - Provide high quality educational outreach services (entrance conferences, training seminars, publications, and online tutorials) to increase full disclosure and voluntary compliance with the Campaign Finance Act. (1 Measure) | | | | | |
| Percent of new candidates and treasurers who receive mandatory training | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| 3 - Provide fair, effective, and efficient audit programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. (2 Measures) | | | | | |
| Percent of financial reports reviewed, evaluated, and analyzed before the next filing deadline | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of periodic random audits conducted within sixty (60) days of initiation | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| 4 - Provide a high quality web-internet based public disclosure system to receive the online submission of financial reports, and to ensure the availability of campaign finance data and information in a manner that is easy to navigate, search, sort, and retrieve at the OCF Website. (1 Measure) | | | | | |
| Percent of financial reports filed electronically | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| 5 - Provide a fair, effective, and efficient public financing program for candidates who qualify to participate in the program and agree to abide by its requirements (3 Measures) | | | | | |
| Percent of matching payments directed for disbursement to participating candidates within five (5) business days after the receipt of financial reports | Up is Better | New in 2021 | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of candidates determined to meet requirements for certification by OCF within ten (10) business days of filing the affidavit declaring compliance with the Fair Elections Program. | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of Base Amount and Matching Payments authorized for disbursement within five (5) business days of the certification of a candidate into the Fair Elections Program | Up is Better | New in 2021 | Not Available | 100% | 100% |

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| 6 - Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government. (1 Measure) | | | | | |
| Percent of investigative matters closed within ninety (90) days of opening | Up is Better | 100% | Not Available | 100% | 100% |

Operations

| Operations Title | Operations Description | Type of Operations |
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| 1 - Provide fair, effective, and timely enforcement programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. (1 Activity) | | |
| Enforcement Program | The Office of the General Counsel provides legal advice and enforcement through the conduct of investigations and informal hearings, and the recommendation of decisions on charges of violations of the Campaign Finance Act; the issuance of interpretative opinions and expedited legal advice; the drafting of regulations and the review of OCF Forms for changes; the conduct of training seminars to promote voluntary compliance; and the coordination of site visits to the election precincts and early vote centers operated by the Board of Elections, and to campaign offices. | Daily Service |
| 2 - Provide high quality educational outreach services (entrance conferences, training seminars, publications, and online tutorials) to increase full disclosure and voluntary compliance with the Campaign Finance Act. (1 Activity) | | |
| Educational Outreach Services | The OCF Educational Outreach Program assists with the coordination of the mandatory training conferences for new registrants, the onsite training seminars, the development of online brochures, interactive tutorials, and online tutorials, and the employee training program. The OCF Training Program also manages and utilizes the OCF Facebook Page as a training tool to disseminate information to the public. The Training Program distributes and evaluates surveys to training participants to assess the content and performance of the trainer. | Daily Service |
| 3 - Provide fair, effective, and efficient audit programs and activities to increase and support the full, accurate, and complete disclosure of documents and actions relevant to the Campaign Finance Act. (1 Activity) | | |
| Audit Programs | The Reports Analysis and Audit Division conducts audit analysis and reviews of all financial reports and statements received in the Agency; issues requests for additional information to filers where deficiencies are noted during the desk review process; conducts full field audits of the campaign operations of newly elected public officials, investigative audits of financial operations based on the receipt of complaints or based upon desk reviews; conducts periodic random audits of the reports filed by the constituent service programs, committees active during an election cycle, and continuing committees; and recommends the issuance of final audit reports based on the findings of full field and random periodic audits. Participates in site visits to election precincts, early voting centers, and to the offices of principal campaign committees. | Daily Service |
| 4 - Provide a high quality web-internet based public disclosure system to receive the online submission of financial reports, and to ensure the availability of campaign finance data and information in a manner that is easy to navigate, search, sort, and retrieve at the OCF Website. (1 Activity) | | |
| Public Information collection and dissemination online and onsite | The Public Information and Records Management Division publishes campaign finance data and information online at the OCF Website, and makes information available in the OCF Offices; compiles listings and reports of contribution and expenditure information published at the website and in the Biennial Report; manages the electronic filing and data entry of financial reports; oversees the registration of new candidates and committees, and coordinates the mandatory training of the new registrants; oversees the OCF e-mail subscription service; makes all public reports and statements available for the public online within 24 hours of receipt; and conducts the Filer Pre-Notification and Failure to File Programs. | Daily Service |
| 5 - Provide a fair, effective, and efficient public financing program for candidates who qualify to participate in the program and agree to abide by its requirements (1 Activity) | | |
| Fair Elections Program | The Fair Elections Program Division provides public financing to candidates who elect to participate in the program; determines whether candidates qualify for certification and public funds based on the verification of threshold requirement; authorizes the distribution of base amount payments and matching payments; and conducts post-election audits of all campaign operations for compliance with the Fair Elections Amendment Act. | Daily Service |

Workload Measures (WMs)

| Measure | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual |
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| 1 - Enforcement Program (3 Measures) | | |
| Total number of informal hearings conducted | 41 | Not Available |
| Total number of investigations completed within 90 days | 3 | Not Available |

| Measure | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual |
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| Total number of Interpretative Opinions and Expedited Advice issued | 20 | Not Available |
| 2 - Educational Outreach Services (1 Measure) | | |
| Total number of mandatory training conferences conducted | 41 | Not Available |
| 3 - Audit Programs (2 Measures) | | |
| Total number of financial reports reviewed, evaluated, and analyzed for the reporting period | 196 | Not Available |
| Total number of periodic random and full field audits completed by the Audit Division | 15 | Not Available |
| 4 - Public Information collection and dissemination online and onsite (2 Measures) | | |
| Total number of financial reports filed | 800 | Not Available |
| Total number of financial reports filed electronically | 173 | Not Available |
| 5 - Fair Elections Program (2 Measures) | | |
| Total number of candidates certified as participating candidates in the Fair Elections Program | 36 | Not Available |
| Total number of pre-election and post election audits completed by the Fair Elections Division | 0 | Not Available |