



OFFICE OF THE  
**OMBUDS FOR CORRECTIONS**

## 2023-2024 Budget Presentation

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## About the Office

## Mission

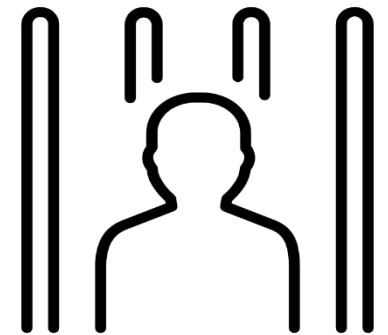
To promote the highest attainable standards of competence, efficiency, and justice in the administration of corrections.

The OBFC is separate and independent from the Department of Corrections and can:

- Investigate complaints from incarcerated people, staff, and community.
- Facilitate resolutions, make recommendations, and publish reports.
- Provide education and information to help people navigate the system.

# Objectives and Priorities

- Provide oversight.
- Promote efficiency, justice, and fairness.
- Increase **health and safety** for incarcerated people, staff, and community:
  - avenue for complaints about unhealthy/unsafe situations
  - improving correctional programs, policies, and practices
  - providing an outlet: impartial option for incarcerated individuals whose frustrations otherwise might lead to conflict
- Promote equity and fairness.
- Prioritize issues affecting health, safety, and actions or policies that have an impact on multiple individuals.



**Five FTEs:** All staff are involved in complaint investigations and have assigned facilities and jurisdictions.

- Ombuds
- Deputy Ombuds, Operations
- 3 Assistant Ombuds, Investigations
- Experience: Law, Policy, Law Enforcement, Corrections, Investigations, Social Work, Formerly Incarcerated



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Budget

- \$663,000
- 5 FTEs
- 100% General Fund
- Minimal cost for significant resource; for comparison, OBFC budget equals .1% of the DOC budget.



# FY22/FY23 Budget

Although, the OBFC is neutral and independent from the DOC, in 2019 funding was originally placed within the DOC budget. The Governor's 22 - 23 budget separated the OBFC budget to ensure full independence and provide budget separation.

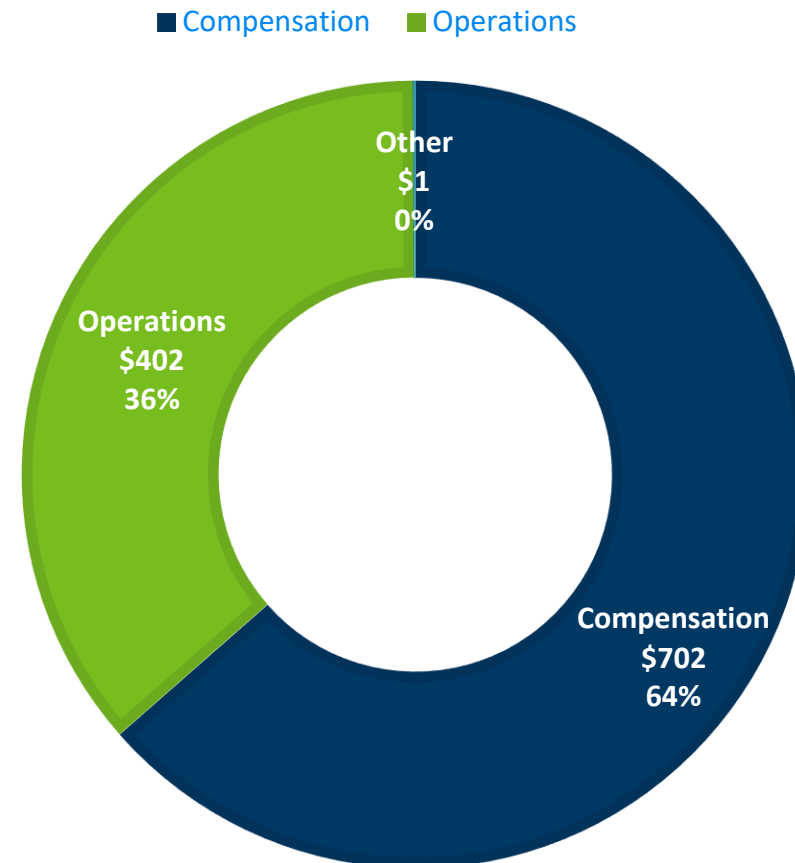
Beginning July 1, 2021 (FY22), OBFC became its own independent agency and contracts with Department of Admin SmART for finance and HR.

General Fund Expenditures	FY22	FY23
Ombudsperson for Corrections	\$659,000	\$663,000

# FY 2024–25 Governor’s Recommended Biennial Budget: \$2.2 Million

## FY24 Forecasted Expenditures by Category Dollars in Thousands

- \$1,105 for FY24 and \$1,099 for FY25 and thereafter.
- Maintains 5.0 FTE and allows for additional staff and IT needs.



# Questions?

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