

## Welfare Inspector General, Office of

### Mission

The Office of Welfare Inspector General was established in 1992 to prevent, investigate, and prosecute welfare fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts involving social services programs at both the State and local levels. The Office investigates, and when appropriate, prosecutes persons dishonestly receiving benefits for which they are not entitled. It also investigates instances in which providers of Medicaid, day care or other social services fraudulently receive payments from the government.

The agency is also responsible for investigating any failure by State and local officials to investigate and prosecute such fraud and abuse within their jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Office is charged with recommending policies to prevent and to detect social services fraud, and then to monitor the implementation of these recommendations. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Office works closely with various State agencies in support of fraud investigations.

### Organization and Staffing

The Office is headed by the Welfare Inspector General, who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Welfare Inspector General's statewide operations are administered from New York City with a field office in Albany.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2019 Executive Budget recommends \$1.4 million in All Funds (\$1.1 million in General Fund; \$100,000 in Federal Funds; and \$150,000 in Other Funds). This is an increase of \$150,000 from the previous fiscal year attributable to the establishment of three SRO accounts for funding received through a Federal Equitable Sharing agreement. The agency's workforce totals 7 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2018.

### Program Highlights

The Office annually receives hundreds of complaints about alleged fraud, waste and abuse that originate from citizens and other governmental agencies. The Office also generates investigations on its own initiative. Fraud investigations result in savings for all levels of government. Recovered funding is repaid to the appropriate programs.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	1,262,000	1,412,000	150,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,262,000</b>	<b>1,412,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>0</b>

### ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the			
General Fund	7	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	1,162,000	1,162,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	100,000	100,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	150,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,262,000</b>	<b>1,412,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the			
General Fund	1,162,000	1,162,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	100,000	100,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	150,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,262,000</b>	<b>1,412,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2019 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the	750,000	0	750,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2019 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the	412,000	0	25,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>412,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the	28,000	0	320,000	0

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<b>Total</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>0</b>
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Program	Amount	Equipment	
		Amount	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the		39,000	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Welfare Inspector General, Office of the	250,000	150,000	250,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018