

Public Ethics, Joint Commission on

Mission

The mission of the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) is to promote public trust in government by ensuring compliance with the State's ethics and lobbying laws. Established in 2011 by the Public Integrity Reform Act, JCOPE was granted broad oversight over the executive and legislative branches of government.

Organization and Staffing

The Commission consists of 14 members. Appointing authority and terms for the commissioners vary according to the law. A Chairperson is selected and appointed by the Governor. JCOPE maintains a statewide presence with offices in Albany, New York City and Buffalo. The commissioners appoint the Executive Director, responsible for overseeing JCOPE's day-to-day operation and core functions. The Executive Director is also charged with establishing an organization plan to streamline operations and improve efficiency and effectiveness. JCOPE's mission is carried out by five divisions: Ethics, Lobbying, Investigations/Enforcement, Communications/Public Information, and Administration.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2020 Executive Budget recommends \$5.6 million All Funds appropriation and a workforce of 52 FTEs, unchanged from the previous fiscal year.

Program Highlights

JCOPE has jurisdiction over 250,000 executive and legislative officials and employees, who file approximately 32,000 financial disclosure statements annually, as well as approximately 7,300 lobbyists and their 4,900 clients who reported spending \$240 million for their lobbying efforts during 2017. JCOPE provides information, education and guidance regarding current ethics and lobbying laws, and ensures compliance with these laws through audits, investigations and enforcement proceedings. JCOPE, upon request, provides the public with required disclosures filed by those under its jurisdiction.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended FY 2020	Change From FY 2019	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2020
State Operations	5,582,000	5,582,000	0	0
Total	5,582,000	5,582,000	0	0

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

Program	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FTE Change
Public Ethics			
General Fund	52	52	0
Total	52	52	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
General Fund	5,582,000	5,582,000	0
Total	5,582,000	5,582,000	0

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

Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Public Ethics			
General Fund	5,582,000	5,582,000	0
Total	5,582,000	5,582,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2020 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Ethics	4,682,000	0	4,637,000	0
Total	4,682,000	0	4,637,000	0

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Ethics	0	0	45,000	0
Total	0	0	45,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2020 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Ethics	900,000	0	80,000	0
Total	900,000	0	80,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Public Ethics	40,000	0	730,000	0

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Total	40,000	0	730,000	0
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Program	Amount	Equipment	Change
Public Ethics		50,000	0
Total		50,000	0

Note: Most recent estimates as of 1/15/2019