

Ethics and Lobbying, Independent Commission on

Mission

The New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (Commission) promotes public trust in government by ensuring compliance with the State's ethics and lobbying laws. The Ethics Commission Reform Act of 2022 established the Commission and grants broad oversight over the executive and legislative branches of government. The Commission serves its mission through three core functions, including: public disclosure, advice and guidance, and enforcement.

Organization and Staffing

The Commission consists of eleven members with staggered terms. Appointees are nominated by the Governor, Temporary President of the Senate, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker, Assembly Minority Leader, State Comptroller, and Attorney General. The nominees are reviewed by the Independent Review Committee, consisting of the 15 State-accredited law school deans or their designees. Commission members appoint an executive director who serves a four-year term and is responsible for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Commission with a dedicated staff.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends \$8.1 million in General Fund appropriations and a projected workforce of 68 FTEs.

Program Highlights

The Commission has jurisdiction over executive and legislative officials and employees, candidates for statewide and legislative elected office, political party chairs, and lobbyists and their clients. The commission requires all individuals and entities under its jurisdiction to take regular ethics and lobbying training, and administers the statutory filing program for lobbyists in the State. Additionally, the Commission reviews annual financial disclosure filings from statewide elected officials and legislative members for deficiency and conflicts.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended FY 2025	Change From FY 2024	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025
State Operations	7,787,000	8,066,000	279,000	0
Total	7,787,000	8,066,000	279,000	0

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

Program	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change
Ethics and Lobbying			
General Fund	68	68	0
Total	68	68	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	7,787,000	8,066,000	279,000
Total	7,787,000	8,066,000	279,000

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Ethics and Lobbying	7,154,000	279,000	7,109,000	279,000
Total	7,154,000	279,000	7,109,000	279,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Ethics and Lobbying	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 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Ethics and Lobbying	912,000	0	80,000	0
Total	912,000	0	80,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Ethics and Lobbying	40,000	0	742,000	0

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Total	40,000	0	742,000	0
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Program	Amount	Equipment	Change
Ethics and Lobbying		50,000	0
Total		50,000	0

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024