

XXXIV. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

For general administration and support, support to operations and operations, including locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder P 6,418,333,000

New Appropriations, by Programs/Projects

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support	P 2,446,994,000	P 1,379,228,000	P 422,407,000	P 4,248,629,000
Support to Operations	53,140,000	94,290,000		147,430,000
Operations	<u>1,069,103,000</u>	<u>814,171,000</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>1,913,274,000</u>
ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM	602,344,000	267,800,000		870,144,000
ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM	358,244,000	272,669,000		630,913,000
OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	66,037,000	213,353,000	30,000,000	309,390,000
CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM	<u>42,478,000</u>	<u>60,349,000</u>		<u>102,827,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>3,569,237,000</u>	<u>2,287,689,000</u>	<u>452,407,000</u>	<u>6,309,333,000</u>
B. PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>109,000,000</u>		<u>109,000,000</u>
Total, Project(s)		<u>109,000,000</u>		<u>109,000,000</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>P 3,569,237,000</u>	<u>P 2,396,689,000</u>	<u>P 452,407,000</u>	<u>P 6,418,333,000</u>

Special Provision(s)

1. **Organizational Structure.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and within the limits of appropriations in this Act, the Ombudsman is hereby authorized to:

- (a) formulate and implement the Office of the Ombudsman's organizational structure;
- (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances, and other benefits of personnel of the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with the rates and levels authorized under R.A. No. 6758, as amended, and R.A. No. 6686, as amended; and
- (c) create new positions, transfer an item, or make other adjustments in the Personnel Services Itemization, whenever public interest so requires.

Implementation of the foregoing shall be subject to: (i) compliance with organization, staffing, and position classification and compensation standards of the DBM; (ii) scrap and build policy; and (iii) submission to DBM of a resolution stating the changes in the organization and staffing in accordance with the foregoing standards and policy for proper documentation.

The officials and employees whose positions are affected by a reorganization shall be granted retirement benefits or separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman.

2. **Non-Recurring Expenses.** All non-recurring appropriations authorized herein such as, but not limited to, foreign-assisted projects and locally-funded projects, shall not form part of the Office of the Ombudsman's appropriations that may not be reduced by Congress under Section 38 of R.A. No. 6770.

3. **Use of Savings.** The Ombudsman is authorized to use savings from the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman to augment actual deficiencies in any item of its appropriations for the current year, which may include the following purposes: (i) printing and/or publications of decisions, resolutions, and training information materials; (ii) repair, maintenance and improvement of central and regional offices, facilities and equipment; (iii) purchase of equipment, books, journals, and periodicals; (iv) necessary expenses for the employment of temporary, contractual and casual employees; and (v) payment of extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses, representation and transportation allowances, and other authorized benefits of its officials and employees, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

4. **Use of Income.** The Office of the Ombudsman may use the income it generates from fees and other authorized collections subject to the pertinent sections in the General Provisions of this Act and for purposes as may be specifically authorized therein or by applicable provisions of law.

5. **Release of Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions.** Appropriations authorized for the payment of retirement benefits and pensions of the Ombudsman and his or her Deputies, the Special Prosecutor, and all qualified officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman with Salary Grade 26 to 29 covered under Section 2 of R.A. No. 11059 (Retirement Law of the Office of the Ombudsman) shall be released directly to the Office of the Ombudsman, subject to the computation and conditions prescribed in applicable retirement laws, rules and regulations.

6. **Retirement of the Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman or the Special Prosecutor.** Service for a full term for the purposes of the retirement of the Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman, or the Special Prosecutor under R.A. No. 11059 may be satisfied if the concerned official has rendered a continuous service in the Office of the Ombudsman of at least two (2) years as Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman or Special Prosecutor and has rendered a cumulative service with the government of a total of seven (7) years, including the two (2) years rendered continuously as Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman or Special Prosecutor.

In any event, an Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman or Special Prosecutor who has rendered at least seven (7) years in the government, with the last two (2) years of that service having been rendered continuously in the Office of the Ombudsman as Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman or Special Prosecutor, shall likewise be entitled to retire and receive, during the residue of his or her natural life, the same benefits provided for under R.A. No. 11059.

An official or employee claiming retirement benefits under R.A. No. 11059 may only do so once.

(CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, January 5, 2026, Volume I-B, page 720, R.A. No.12314)

7. **Reporting and Posting Requirements.** The Office of the Ombudsman shall submit quarterly reports on its financial and physical accomplishments, within thirty (30) days after the end of every quarter, through the following:

- (a) Unified Reporting System (URS) or other electronic means for reports not covered by the URS until such time that all agencies have fully migrated to the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS); and
- (b) Office of the Ombudsman's website.

The Office of the Ombudsman shall send written notice when said reports have been submitted or posted on its website to the DBM, House of Representatives, Senate of the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Finance, and other offices where the submission of reports is required under existing laws, rules and regulations. The date of notice of said agencies shall be considered the date of compliance with this requirement.

8. **Appropriations for Activities or Projects.** The amounts appropriated herein shall be used specifically for the following activities or projects in the indicated amounts and conditions:

New Appropriations, by Programs/Activities/Projects

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support				
General Management and Supervision	P 498,525,000	P 1,379,228,000	P 422,407,000	P 2,300,160,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	1,948,469,000			1,948,469,000
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	2,446,994,000	1,379,228,000	422,407,000	4,248,629,000
Support to Operations				
Operation and Maintenance of Computerized Management Information System	49,907,000	92,339,000		142,246,000
Statistical Services	3,233,000	1,951,000		5,184,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	53,140,000	94,290,000		147,430,000
Operations				
ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM	602,344,000	267,800,000		870,144,000
Conduct of Fact-Finding Investigation and Lifestyle Check for Case Build-up Against Erring Public Officials	585,060,000	231,816,000		816,876,000
Preliminary Investigation of Criminal and Forfeiture Cases Against Erring Public Officials	17,284,000	35,984,000		53,268,000

ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM	<u>358,244,000</u>	<u>272,669,000</u>		<u>630,913,000</u>
Adjudication on Administrative Cases Against Erring Public Officials to Enforce Anti-Corruption Laws	119,323,000	45,497,000		164,820,000
Prosecution of Criminal and Forfeiture Cases Filed Against Erring Public Officials with the Sandiganbayan and Regional Trial Courts	219,377,000	226,421,000		445,798,000
Advocacy of Ombudsman Cases Appealed to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court Including the Filing of Special Civil Actions with the Supreme Court	19,544,000	751,000		20,295,000
OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>66,037,000</u>	<u>213,353,000</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>309,390,000</u>
Delivery of Responsive and Meaningful Public Assistance to Address Red Tape in the Bureaucracy	66,037,000	213,353,000	30,000,000	309,390,000
CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM	<u>42,478,000</u>	<u>60,349,000</u>		<u>102,827,000</u>
Development and Implementation of Integrity Promotion Programs to Generate a Critical Mass of Anti-Corruption Advocates in the Campaign Against Official Abuse	10,428,000	33,884,000		44,312,000
Conduct of Integrity Assessments and Corruption Diagnostics to Reduce the Vulnerability of Government Agencies to Corruption, Inefficiency, and Red Tape	<u>32,050,000</u>	<u>26,465,000</u>		<u>58,515,000</u>
Sub-total, Operations	<u>1,069,103,000</u>	<u>814,171,000</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>1,913,274,000</u>
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PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)				
Whistleblower Account/Reward		10,000,000		10,000,000
Counterpart Fund for the "Aral and Asal" Project per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of the Ombudsman, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the University of the Philippines System (UPS) Signed on September 26, 2019		<u>99,000,000</u>		<u>99,000,000</u>
Sub-total, Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>109,000,000</u>		<u>109,000,000</u>
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New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures
(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary	1,099,600
Creation of New Positions	57,950
Total Permanent Positions	1,157,550

Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	28,560
Representation Allowance	46,116
Transportation Allowance	46,116
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	8,330
Honoraria	6,038
Overtime Pay	3,500
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	91,633
Year End Bonus	91,633
Cash Gift	5,950
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	5,950
Step Increment	2,749
Total Other Compensation Common to All	336,575

Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	551
Longevity Pay	2,437
Lump-sum for Filling of Positions - Civilian	1,558,842
Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	1,561,830

Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	2,858
PhilHealth Contributions	21,416
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	1,428
Retirement Gratuity	313,412
Loyalty Award - Civilian	1,150
Terminal Leave	76,215
Total Other Benefits	416,479

Other Personnel Benefits

Pension, Civilian Personnel	96,803
Total Other Personnel Benefits	96,803

Total Personnel Services

3,569,237

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

Travelling Expenses	262,580
Training and Scholarship Expenses	178,998
Supplies and Materials Expenses	677,163

Utility Expenses	209,319
Communication Expenses	106,027
Awards/Rewards and Prizes	10,000
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Confidential Expenses	51,468
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	26,865
Professional Services	47,931
General Services	234,755
Repairs and Maintenance	76,974
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	18,995
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	15,271
Printing and Publication Expenses	15,731
Representation Expenses	25,639
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	13,827
Rent/Lease Expenses	161,363
Subscription Expenses	98,449
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	165,334
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Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	2,396,689
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Total Current Operating Expenditures	5,965,926
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Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	268,998
Transportation Equipment Outlay	36,130
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	96,670
Intangible Assets Outlay	50,609
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Total Capital Outlays	452,407
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**GENERAL SUMMARY
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

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