

**XXXIV. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

For general administration and support, support to operations and operations, including locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder . . . . P 5,738,865,000

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>
<b>A. REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>				
General Administration and Support	P 2,217,959,000	P 1,266,264,000	P 515,129,000	P 3,999,352,000
Support to Operations	15,505,000	48,538,000		64,043,000
Operations	<u>922,482,000</u>	<u>643,988,000</u>		<u>1,566,470,000</u>
ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM	527,057,000	260,852,000		787,909,000
ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM	323,200,000	266,140,000		589,340,000
OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	30,883,000	58,302,000		89,185,000
CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM	<u>41,342,000</u>	<u>58,694,000</u>		<u>100,036,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>3,155,946,000</u>	<u>1,958,790,000</u>	<u>515,129,000</u>	<u>5,629,865,000</u>
<b>B. PROJECT(S)</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>P <u>3,155,946,000</u></b>	<b>P <u>2,067,790,000</u></b>	<b>P <u>515,129,000</u></b>	<b>P <u>5,738,865,000</u></b>

**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 generated from fees collected by it, subject to the conditions under 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. **Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions.** 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 after thirty (30) days following the date of retirement shall receive a monthly pension pursuant to the amounts appropriated for payment of pensions under Section 3 of R.A. No. 11059. (CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, December 30, 2024, Volume I-B, page 756, R.A. No. 12116)

6. **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.

(CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, December 30, 2024, Volume I-B, pages 756-757, R.A. No. 12116)

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; 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
<b>REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>General Administration and Support</b>				
General Management and Supervision	P 445,661,000	P 1,266,264,000	P 515,129,000	P 2,227,054,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	1,772,298,000			1,772,298,000
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	2,217,959,000	1,266,264,000	515,129,000	3,999,352,000
<b>Support to Operations</b>				
Operation and Maintenance of Computerized Management Information System	12,660,000	46,623,000		59,283,000
Statistical Services	2,845,000	1,915,000		4,760,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	15,505,000	48,538,000		64,043,000
<b>Operations</b>				
<b>ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM</b>	527,057,000	260,852,000		787,909,000
Conduct of Fact-Finding Investigation and Lifestyle Check for Case Build-up Against Erring Public Officials	511,680,000	225,801,000		737,481,000
Preliminary Investigation of Criminal and Forfeiture Cases Against Erring Public Officials	15,377,000	35,051,000		50,428,000

<b>ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM</b>	<u>323,200,000</u>	<u>266,140,000</u>	<u>589,340,000</u>
Adjudication on Administrative Cases Against Erring Public Officials to Enforce Anti-Corruption Laws	106,555,000	44,357,000	150,912,000
Prosecution of Criminal and Forfeiture Cases Filed Against Erring Public Officials with the Sandiganbayan and Regional Trial Courts	199,300,000	221,051,000	420,351,000
Advocacy of Ombudsman Cases Appealed to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court Including the Filing of Special Civil Actions with the Supreme Court	17,345,000	732,000	18,077,000
<b>OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</b>	<u>30,883,000</u>	<u>58,302,000</u>	<u>89,185,000</u>
Delivery of Responsive and Meaningful Public Assistance to Address Red Tape in the Bureaucracy	30,883,000	58,302,000	89,185,000
<b>CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM</b>	<u>41,342,000</u>	<u>58,694,000</u>	<u>100,036,000</u>
Development and Implementation of Integrity Promotion Programs to Generate a Critical Mass of Anti-Corruption Advocates in the Campaign Against Official Abuse	9,281,000	32,922,000	42,203,000
Conduct of Integrity Assessments and Corruption Diagnostics to Reduce the Vulnerability of Government Agencies to Corruption, Inefficiency, and Red Tape	<u>32,061,000</u>	<u>25,772,000</u>	<u>57,833,000</u>
Sub-total, Operations	<u>922,482,000</u>	<u>643,988,000</u>	<u>1,566,470,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>3,155,946,000</u>	<u>1,958,790,000</u>	<u>515,129,000</u> <u>5,629,865,000</u>
<b>PROJECT(S)</b>			
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, the 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>
Total, Project(s)		<u>109,000,000</u>	<u>109,000,000</u>
<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>P <u>3,155,946,000</u></b>	<b>P <u>2,067,790,000</u></b>	<b>P <u>515,129,000</u> P <u>5,738,865,000</u></b>

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

## Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

<b>Civilian Personnel</b>	
<b>Permanent Positions</b>	
Basic Salary	<u>960,920</u>
<b>Total Permanent Positions</b>	<u>960,920</u>
<b>Other Compensation Common to All</b>	
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	29,088
Representation Allowance	44,640
Transportation Allowance	44,640
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	8,484
Honoraria	6,038
Overtime Pay	3,776
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	80,077
Year End Bonus	80,077
Cash Gift	6,060
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	6,060
Step Increment	<u>2,401</u>
<b>Total Other Compensation Common to All</b>	<u>311,341</u>
<b>Other Compensation for Specific Groups</b>	
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	551
Lump-sum for Filling of Positions - Civilian	<u>1,288,315</u>
<b>Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups</b>	<u>1,288,866</u>
<b>Other Benefits</b>	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	2,910
PhilHealth Contributions	20,243
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	1,454
Retirement Gratuity	411,472
Loyalty Award - Civilian	1,150
Terminal Leave	<u>72,511</u>
<b>Total Other Benefits</b>	<u>509,740</u>
<b>Other Personnel Benefits</b>	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	<u>85,079</u>
<b>Total Other Personnel Benefits</b>	<u>85,079</u>
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<u>3,155,946</u>
<b>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</b>	
Travelling Expenses	246,194
Training and Scholarship Expenses	164,444
Supplies and Materials Expenses	582,147
Utility Expenses	180,697
Communication Expenses	96,153
Awards/Rewards and Prizes	10,000

Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Confidential Expenses	1,000
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	26,865
Professional Services	47,931
General Services	234,755
Repairs and Maintenance	74,732
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	18,995
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	14,825
Printing and Publication Expenses	10,903
Representation Expenses	21,375
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	9,055
Rent/Lease Expenses	63,299
Subscription Expenses	48,618
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	215,802
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Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	2,067,790
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Total Current Operating Expenditures	5,223,736
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Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	50,000
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	279,340
Transportation Equipment Outlay	36,130
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	91,670
Other Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	18,980
Intangible Assets Outlay	39,009
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Total Capital Outlays	515,129
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<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>5,738,865</b>
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**GENERAL SUMMARY  
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	P <u>3,155,946,000</u>	P <u>2,067,790,000</u>	P <u>515,129,000</u>	P <u>5,738,865,000</u>
<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS, OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN</b>	P <u><u>3,155,946,000</u></u>	P <u><u>2,067,790,000</u></u>	P <u><u>515,129,000</u></u>	P <u><u>5,738,865,000</u></u>