

**AGENCY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Administration: Administration**

**Subprogram History**

The Administration program ensures that fundamental operating costs of running an office (e.g., paying rent) are adequately addressed. This requirement is fundamental to the agency and originated with the agency in 1974.

**Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram**

The agency's other programs would not be successful, and certain tasks like paying bills could not be easily completed.

**Statutory Basis**

General: KSA 25-4119a et seq.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Discretionary	No	3	3

**Education, Awareness, and Compliance: Education, Awareness, and Compliance**

**Subprogram History**

The goals of education, awareness, and compliance are fundamental to the Ethics Commission and therefore originated with the agency in 1974. The most significant legislation in recent years that affected this program was the extension of lobbying laws to include lobbying the executive branch, which occurred during the 2018 Legislature.

**Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram**

Not funding this program would result in only using the enforcement arm of the Commission to encourage compliance with the laws, which is neither cost-efficient nor effective at obtaining voluntary legal compliance. Additionally, unintentional violations would proliferate as trainings would be eliminated. The consequences of not funding this program extend from allowing incorrect filings to fundamentally undermine the public's ability to trust government decision-making.

**Statutory Basis**

General: KSA 25-4119a et seq., and KSA 46-215 et seq. | Specific: KSA 25-4148, 46-268, 46-248.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	1	1

**Enforcement: Enforcement**

**Subprogram History**

Severe and intentional violations merit immediate referral to the enforcement arm of the Commission. Minor violations that are not adequately resolved require intervention by way of public hearings, fines, etc. The goals of enforcement are believed to have originated in the 1970s. The last significant alteration to statutory authority of the enforcement program is the authority to issue subpoenas, which was added in 1998.

**Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram**

Consequences for violations of the campaign finance act, ethics laws, and lobbying laws would be eliminated. Violations would occur without investigation or penalty. While the Ethics Commission works to avoid the necessity of enforcement whenever reasonable and possible, the fact is that the enforcement arm of the agency is the only reason why some abide by the laws.

**Statutory Basis**

General: KSA 25-4142 et seq. KSA 46-215 et seq. | Specific: includes but is not limited to KSA 25-4152, 4158, 4161-4164, 4181; KSA 46-255--263, 280, 288.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Discretionary	No	2	2

**Subprograms Without Narrative Data**

**AGENCY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
<b>Administration: Administration</b>								
Goal	Type	Measure						
To ensure that all reports receive a review of compliance with the law.	Outcome	Percentage of campaign finance report reviews completed	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Percentage of lobbying report reviews completed	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Percentage of statement of substantial interest report reviews completed	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Output	Number of campaign finance reports filed	1,462	2,978	1,520	3,549	1,429	2,575
		Number of lobbying reports filed	7,810	8,308	5,520	4,603	8,630	8,700

			<b>2022 Actuals</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Actuals</b>	<b>2026 Estimate</b>	<b>2027 Estimate</b>
To ensure that all reports receive a review of compliance with the law.	Output	Number of statement of substantial interest reports filed	5,772	5,909	6,433	6,434	6,750	6,225
To provide the necessary mandatory tools required to support other programs.	Outcome	Percentage of campaign finance report reviews completed	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Percentage of lobbying report reviews completed	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
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**Education, Awareness, and Compliance: Education, Awareness, and Compliance**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Measure</b>						
To rapidly correct unintentional and non-severe violations of the Campaign Finance Act, lobbying, and ethics laws.	Outcome	Percent of campaign finance entities receiving Error and Omission Notices	18.00%	14.00%	9.00%	15.30%	14.69%	17.86%
		Percent of lobbyists receiving Error and Omission Notices	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
		Percent of Statement of Substantial Interest filers receiving Error and Omission Notices	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Output	Number of Error and Omission Notices sent to campaign finance entities	198	407	437	544	210	460
		Number of Error and Omission Notices sent to lobbyists	0	0	0	0	0	0

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
To rapidly correct unintentional and non-severe violations of the Campaign Finance Act, lobbying, and ethics laws.	Output	Number of Error and Omission Notices sent to Statement of Substantial Interest filers	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Number of trainings performed	16	7	8	4	8	10
To reduce the severity and number of unintentional violations of the Campaign Finance Act, lobbying, and ethics laws.	Outcome	Percent of campaign finance entities receiving Error and Omission Notices	18.00%	14.00%	9.00%	15.30%	14.69%	17.86%
		Percent of lobbyists receiving Error and Omission Notices	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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		Number of trainings performed	16	7	8	4	8	10
<b>Enforcement: Enforcement</b>								
Goal	Type	Measure						
To adequately resolve violations of the campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws.	Outcome	Number of hearings finding a violation	10	0	6	4	5	7
	Output	Number of audits	8	4	9	3	8	7
		Number of complaints	26	18	29	21	24	18
		Number of investigations	18	11	17	11	10	15
To identify when violations have occurred of the campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws, as well as clearing referrals that are not violations.	Outcome	Number of hearings finding a violation	10	0	6	4	5	7
	Output	Number of audits	8	4	9	3	8	7
		Number of complaints	26	18	29	21	24	18

			<b>2022 Actuals</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Actuals</b>	<b>2026 Estimate</b>	<b>2027 Estimate</b>
To identify when violations have occurred of the campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws, as well as clearing referrals that are not violations.	Output	Number of investigations	18	11	17	11	10	15
To provide consequences for violations of the campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws in order to deter other violations.	Outcome	Number of hearings finding a violation	10	0	6	4	5	7
	Output	Number of audits	8	4	9	3	8	7
		Number of complaints	26	18	29	21	24	18
		Number of investigations	18	11	17	11	10	15

**Footnotes**