

KANSAS PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

Budget Summary – Agency Request

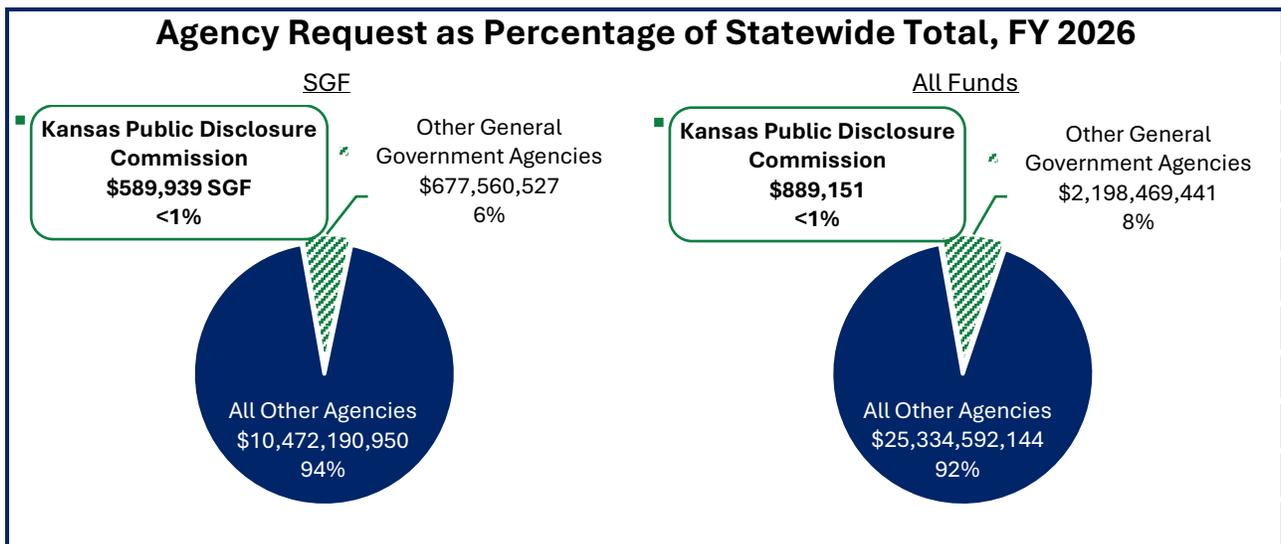
Executive Summary

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission¹ is responsible for administering, interpreting, and enforcing the Campaign Finance Act and laws relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and the regulation of lobbying. These laws establish the public's right to information about the financial affairs of Kansas' public officials, lobbyists, and candidates for state and local office. The Commission also renders advisory opinions and can adopt rules and regulations.

Each year, the Commission receives thousands of financial disclosure reports filed by candidates, political parties and party committees, public officials, and lobbyists. During non-election years, the Commission staff conduct comprehensive audits of previous filings; process new candidate Appointment of Treasurer forms and Political Action Committee Statement of Organization forms; ensure all persons subject to Commission regulation receive all pertinent campaign finance information for upcoming elections; process failure-to-file notices; and file complaints. During election years, the Commission devotes most staff time to answering campaign-related questions, assisting candidates and candidate treasurers in completing reports, and reviewing receipts and expenditure reports.

The agency is financed entirely through the State General Fund and the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund, formerly the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund. The agency's fee fund collects revenue from fees paid by political action committees, lobbyists, and candidates. The amount of revenue collected varies each year depending on the election-year cycle and the number of elections that are held. The agency is located in Topeka at the Mills Building, 901 S. Kansas Avenue.

Expenditures by Fiscal Year and Version					
	SGF	All Funds	Note		
FY 2024 Actual	\$ 524,032	\$ 807,081	Actual expenditures		
FY 2025 Actual	536,485	801,901	Actual expenditures		
FY 2026 Approved	589,939	912,387	2025 SB 125		
FY 2026 Agency	589,939	889,151	Revised estimate, submitted September 2025		
FY 2027 Agency	572,472	894,057	Revised estimate, submitted September 2025		



¹ [2025 HB 2206](#) changed the agency's name from the Governmental Ethics Commission to the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission.

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Budget and Policy Snapshot

The tables below provide a selection of items that inform the agency budget request. These items include **supplemental and enhancement requests** () , adjustments related to **reappropriated funds** () , **language-only policy changes** requested for inclusion in legislation, changes in **federal or state policy** that impact agency funding, and other budgetary items.

These tables are not intended to be a comprehensive list of changes in the agency budget request. For more detail on individual fiscal year requests, please refer to the [FY 2026 Analysis](#) and [FY 2027 Analysis](#) sections later in this document.

FY 2026

Item	Amount	Source	Note
 SGF Reappropriation	\$ 23,212	SGF	Includes lapses

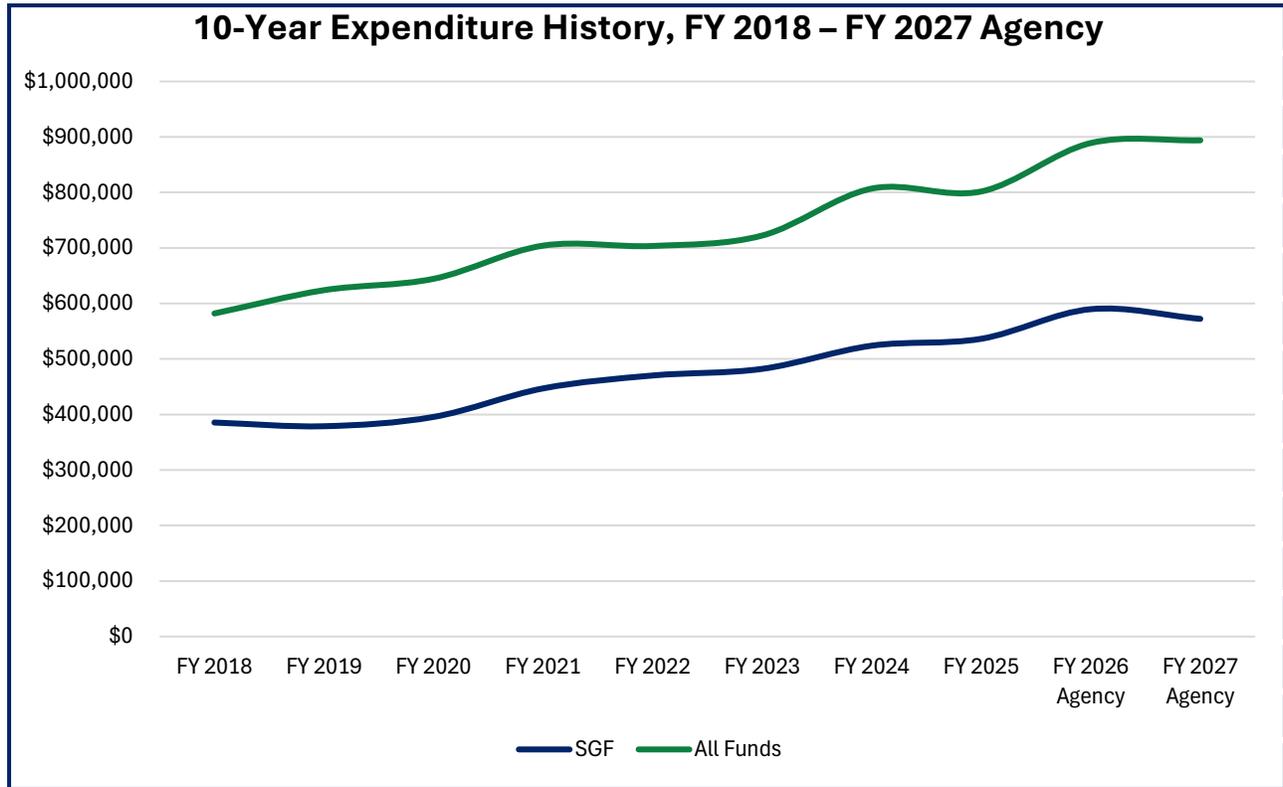
FY 2027

Item	Amount	Source	Note
2025 Legislative Pay Plan	\$ 19,023	SGF / Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund	Increase in expenditure limitation inadvertently omitted from the pay plan included in 2025 SB 125.

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Summary of Expenditures



Fiscal Year	SGF		All Funds		FTE	CPI-U* Change (%)
	Amount	Change (%)	Amount	Change (%)		
FY 2018	\$ 385,375	3.1	\$ 582,059	(3.4)	7.50	0.2
FY 2019	378,694	(1.7)	624,041	7.2	7.50	--
FY 2020	395,476	4.4	644,500	3.3	7.50	0.8
FY 2021	446,942	13.0	704,293	9.3	8.00	2.4
FY 2022	470,233	5.2	703,694	(0.1)	8.50	9.2
FY 2023	482,193	2.5	722,442	2.7	8.50	5.8
FY 2024	524,032	8.7	807,081	11.7	8.50	3.0
FY 2025	536,485	2.4	801,901	(0.6)	8.50	3.0
FY 2026 Agency	589,939	10.0	889,151	10.9	8.50	2.8
FY 2027 Agency	572,472	(3.0)	894,057	0.6	8.50	2.4

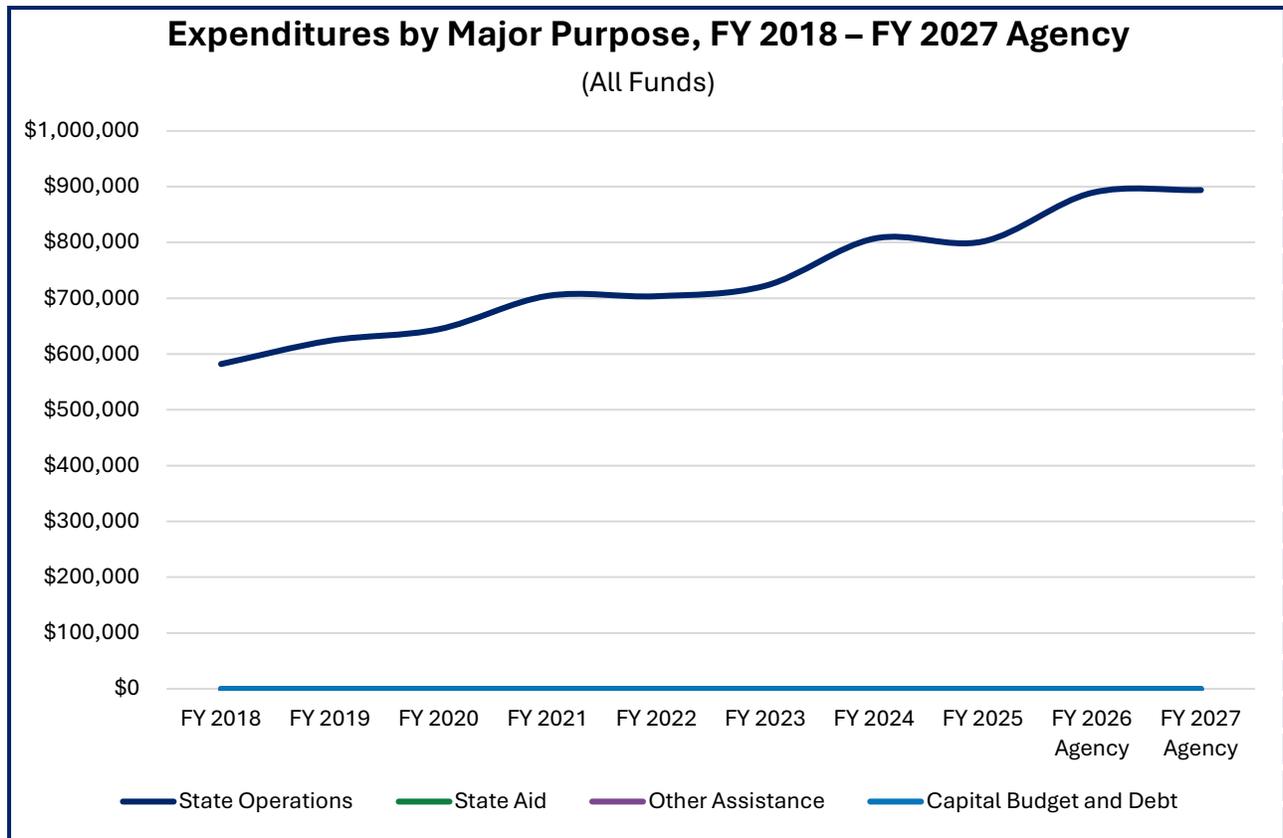
5-Year Change (FY 2023–2027)	\$ 90,279	18.7	\$ 171,615	23.8	-	11.6
10-Year Change (FY 2018–2027)	187,097	48.5	311,998	53.6	1.00	33.1
3-Year Average** (FY 2023–2025)	514,237	N/A	777,141	N/A	8.50	N/A

* Note : Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers estimate for FY 2026–2027 is from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group.

** Note : Reflects the three most recent years of actuals data.

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Expenditures by Category, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency
(All Funds)

	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State Operations						
Salaries and Wages	79.9 %	\$ 681,537	\$ 645,818	\$ 727,190	\$ 710,872	\$ 716,424
Contractual Services	19.1	117,088	151,578	164,738	169,969	171,543
Commodities	0.7	3,612	4,406	5,050	5,800	4,800
Capital Outlay	0.3	4,844	99	600	2,510	1,290
Operating Adjustments	--	-	-	(8,403)	-	-
Subtotal	100.0 %	\$ 807,081	\$ 801,901	\$ 889,175	\$ 889,151	\$ 894,057
State Aid and Assistance						
Aid to Locals	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assistance	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Budget and Debt						
Capital Improvements	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Principal	--	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reappropriations	-- %	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,565	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 807,081	\$ 801,901	\$ 912,740	\$ 889,151	\$ 894,057

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State Operations

Expenditures by Classification, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(State Operations, All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Salaries and Wages						
Employee Pay	58.5 % \$	483,469 \$	459,043 \$	512,051 \$	519,829 \$	519,828
Employee Benefits	21.5	198,068	186,775	215,139	191,043	196,596
Shrinkage	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	79.9 % \$	681,537 \$	645,818 \$	727,190 \$	710,872 \$	716,424
Contractual Services						
Communication	3.3 % \$	23,717 \$	30,705 \$	26,462 \$	29,333 \$	29,333
Fees (Professional)	1.0	812	8,804	8,500	9,050	9,050
Fees (Other Services)	4.7	30,124	38,423	37,606	41,724	43,216
Freight and Express	--	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and Advertising	0.4	4,365	1,708	2,500	3,500	3,000
Rent and Leases	7.6	51,207	59,227	70,666	67,287	69,669
Repair and Servicing	0.8	2,004	6,749	4,800	7,300	4,800
Travel and Subsistence	1.0	4,145	5,696	7,891	8,450	11,150
Utilities	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	0.4	714	266	6,313	3,325	1,325
Subtotal	19.1 % \$	117,088 \$	151,578 \$	164,738 \$	169,969 \$	171,543
Commodities						
Clothing	-- % \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
Equipment and Parts	--	-	-	-	-	-
Food	0.2	1,059	1,443	1,000	1,800	1,800
Fuel	--	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Parts	--	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies (Office)	0.4	2,485	2,955	4,050	4,000	3,000
Supplies (Professional)	--	56	-	-	-	-
Supplies (Research)	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	--	12	8	-	-	-
Subtotal	0.7 % \$	3,612 \$	4,406 \$	5,050 \$	5,800 \$	4,800
Capital Outlay						
Books	-- % \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
Computer Hardware	0.1	8	94	200	1,010	1,040
Computer Software	--	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment, Furniture	0.2	-	5	400	1,500	250
Information Processing	--	4,836	-	-	-	-
Telecommunications	--	-	-	-	-	-
Other	--	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	0.3 % \$	4,844 \$	99 \$	600 \$	2,510 \$	1,290
Operating Adjustments	-- % \$	- \$	- \$	(8,403) \$	- \$	-
TOTAL	100.0 % \$	807,081 \$	801,901 \$	889,175 \$	889,151 \$	894,057

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Expenditures by Program

Expenditures by Program, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
(All Funds)						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Administration	100.0 %	\$ 807,081	\$ 801,901	\$ 889,175	\$ 889,151	\$ 894,057
Reappropriations	--	-	-	23,565	-	-
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 807,081	\$ 801,901	\$ 912,740	\$ 889,151	\$ 894,057

FTE Positions by Program, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Administration	100.0 %	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
TOTAL	100.0 %	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5

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Expenditures by Fund

Expenditures by Fund, FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency						
	FY 2026 Agency % of Total	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
State General Fund	66.3 %	\$ 524,032	\$ 536,485	\$ 589,939	\$ 589,939	\$ 572,472
Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund	33.7	283,049	265,416	322,448	299,212	321,585
TOTAL	100.0 %	\$ 807,081	\$ 801,901	\$ 912,387	\$ 889,151	\$ 894,057

Fee Fund Analysis

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund is a statutory fee fund. It is funded by candidate filing fees, lobbyist registration fees, political action committees' fees, and registration fees.

The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund collects revenue from fees paid by political action committees, lobbyists, and candidates. The amount of revenue collected varies each year depending on the election-year cycle and the number of elections that are held.

Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund				
FY 2024 – FY 2027 Agency				
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Agency	FY 2027 Agency
Beginning Balance	\$ 372,321	\$ 387,925	\$ 398,159	\$ 394,597
Revenue				
Political Action Committee	\$ 61,525	\$ 66,000	\$ 73,500	\$ 66,000
Lobbyists Fees	150,150	152,300	155,100	162,950
Candidate Fees	52,910	35,003	45,050	14,750
Other Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures	34,068	22,347	22,000	12,000
Subtotal – Revenue	\$ 298,653	\$ 275,650	\$ 295,650	\$ 255,700
Total Amount Available	\$ 670,974	\$ 663,575	\$ 693,809	\$ 650,297
Expenditures				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 283,113	\$ 235,510	\$ 269,603	\$ 271,810
Contractual Services	(64)	28,977	21,299	43,685
Commodities	-	929	5,800	4,800
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,510	1,290
Subtotal – Expenditures	\$ 283,049	\$ 265,416	\$ 299,212	\$ 321,585
Ending Balance	\$ 387,925	\$ 398,159	\$ 394,597	\$ 328,712

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Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2026						
	SGF	Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund	Total	FTE Positions		
Approved, FY 2026						
1. 2025 SB 125, without Reappropriations	\$ 566,727	\$ 322,448	\$ 889,175	8.5		
Reappropriations						
2. State General Fund	\$ 23,565	\$ -	\$ 23,565	--		
3. SGF Reappropriations 1.5 Percent Lapse	(353)	-	(353)	--		
Subtotal – Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 589,939	\$ 322,448	\$ 912,387	--		
Supplemental Requests						
No Supplemental Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--		
Other Changes						
4. All Other Adjustments	\$ -	\$ (23,236)	\$ (23,236)	--		
TOTAL – Agency Revised Estimate	\$ 589,939	\$ 299,212	\$ 889,151	8.5		

Approved Budget

1. 2025 SB 125

The 2025 Legislature passed, and the Governor enacted, one bill appropriating and adjusting funding for state agencies. Select appropriations for this agency include:

- **1.5 Percent SGF Lapse (Appropriations):** The Legislature approved a 1.5 percent SGF lapse within state operations in FY 2026. For this agency, that was a decrease of **\$8,403 SGF**. This lapse amount is included in the \$566, 727 SGF and \$889,175 in all funds; and
- **2025 Pay Plan:** The Legislature approved the 2025 Pay Plan, which included adding **\$19,023**, including **\$14,939 SGF**, to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration’s market survey.

The approved FY 2026 budget totals **\$912,740**, including **\$589,939 SGF** and **\$322,448** from the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund, with 8.5 FTE positions. This amount includes \$23,565 SGF in reappropriations.

Reappropriations

2. SGF Reappropriation

The agency reappropriated \$23,565 in unspent SGF funds from FY 2025 to FY 2026. This includes:

- **Computer Equipment Purchase:** \$1,830 in unspent funds for renting three laptops and purchasing three docking stations. Additional peripherals may be replaced as needed.
- **Office Equipment Purchases:** \$250–\$625 in unspent funds for replacing the Office Manager’s chair and adding machine (printing calculator).
- **Increased Operating Costs:** \$7,675 in unspent funds for increases in the agency’s lease payments (\$3,439) and the Monumental Building Surcharge (\$4,236).

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- **Professional Development (COGEL Conference):** Funds to allow the Executive Director and General Counsel to attend the annual Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) conference. The estimated cost per attendee is approximately \$800 for registration and \$2,600 for airfare, hotel, meals, and related travel expenses. Attendance is expected to be beneficial given that both positions are new to the agency. While the agency is currently hiring a General Counsel, it is anticipated the position will be filled by the time of the conference.
- **Newspaper Subscriptions:** Approximately \$450 for subscriptions to the Kansas City Star, Wichita Eagle, and Topeka Capital-Journal to stay informed on statewide issues.
- **Remaining Funds:** Any remaining reappropriated funds will be used to offset fluctuations in operating expenditures.

3. SGF Reappropriations 1.5 Percent Lapse

As part of the lapse identified in item 1, the Legislature approved a lapse of 1.5 percent of SGF reappropriations supporting state operations in FY 2026. For the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission, this totals a decrease of \$353 SGF in FY 2026 and adjusts total SGF reappropriations to \$23,212.

Other Changes

4. All Other Adjustments

The agency's revised estimate for FY 2026 includes a decrease of **\$23,589**, or **2.6 percent**, below the approved amount of **\$912,740**.

The decrease primarily reflects a \$23,236 reduction from the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund (fee fund). The change also incorporates the reappropriation of \$23,565 SGF in unspent FY 2025 funds and the required 1.5 percent (\$353) lapse of those reappropriations, as shown in Items 2 and 3. Additionally, the removal of the \$8,403 SGF lapse that was applied to the FY 2026 approved budget contributes to the technical adjustments between the approved and revised estimates.

Overall, these adjustments span multiple expenditure categories, including salaries and wages (-\$16,318), contractual services (\$5,231), commodities (\$750), and capital outlay (\$1,910).

The agency's revised estimate includes adjustments between salaries and wages and contractual services to reflect changes in employee benefits and the funding of routine operating costs. Overall, the agency requests a total decrease of \$16,318 for salaries and wages, including a decrease of \$89,822 SGF and an increase of \$73,504 from the fee fund, a total increase of \$5,231 for contractual services, including an increase of \$104,631 SGF and a decrease of \$99,400 from the fee fund.

The decrease in salaries and wages is primarily attributable to reduced employer contributions for health insurance (-\$18,621), likely resulting from employee benefit elections. The agency's revised estimate includes lower fringe benefit costs for at least one budgeted full-time position, contributing to the overall decrease. Additionally, employer contributions to KPERS decreased by \$5,346. These reductions are partially offset by increases in employee pay (\$7,778), Social Security (\$480), and Medicare (\$115).

The increase in contractual services is related to higher expenditures in fees for other services, including database access fees for Westlaw and R-Base (\$1,654), the monumental building charge (\$1,200), and Office 365 and computer rental costs (\$974). Additional increases include communication expenses related to postage (\$2,000), printing and advertising (\$1,000), travel and subsistence (\$559), and professional fees (\$550). Postage costs increase in election years due to candidate and organization contact, and travel costs increase due to staff attendance at the national

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COGEL conference. These increases are partially offset by decreases in both rent (-\$3,379) and other contractual services (-\$2,988).

The agency's revised estimate includes a total increase of \$2,660, all from the fee fund, for capital outlay and commodities. This includes \$1,910 for capital outlay, primarily for new office furniture, equipment, docking stations, and computers, and \$750 for commodities, including water cooler expenses.

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Summary of Agency Budget Request, FY 2027					
	SGF	Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fee Fund	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, FY 2027					
1. 2025 SB 125, without Reappropriations	\$ 554,784	\$ 330,353	\$ 885,137	8.5	
Enhancement Requests					
No Enhancement Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--	
Agency Changes					
2. 2025 Legislative Pay Plan	\$ 14,939	\$ 4,084	\$ 19,023	--	
3. All Other Adjustments	2,749	(12,852)	(10,103)	--	
Subtotal – Agency Changes	\$ 17,688	\$ (8,768)	\$ 8,920	--	
TOTAL – Agency Request	\$ 572,472	\$ 321,585	\$ 894,057	8.5	

Approved Budget

1. 2025 SB 125

[KSA 75-3717\(f\)](#) requires select agencies, of a primarily regulatory nature, to submit a budget request for an additional fiscal year at the beginning of a biennium. The Kansas Public Disclosure Commission is one such biennial agency and has an approved budget for FY 2027.

Agency Changes

2. 2025 Legislative Pay Plan

The 2025 Legislature approved salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration’s market survey for FY 2026. The agency request includes \$19,023, including \$14,939 SGF and \$4,084 from the fee fund.

3. All Other Adjustments

The agency’s revised estimate for FY 2027 includes a total decrease of \$10,103 for all other adjustments, including an increase of \$2,749 SGF and a decrease of \$12,852 from the fee fund. These adjustments span multiple expenditure categories, as detailed below.

The agency’s revised estimate includes adjustments between salaries and wages and contractual services to reflect changes in employee benefits and the funding of routine operating costs. The agency’s revised estimate includes a total decrease of \$16,688 for salaries and wages, including a decrease of \$82,215 SGF and an increase of \$67,880 from the fee fund, a total increase of \$5,792 for contractual services, including an increase of \$86,964 SGF and a decrease of \$81,172 from the fee fund, in FY 2027 for contractual services.

The decrease in salaries and wages is primarily attributable to reduced employer contributions to health insurance (-\$18,942), likely resulting from employee benefit elections. In addition, there is a decrease of \$3,255 for employer contributions to KPERS. These reductions are partially offset by increases in employee pay (\$4,473), Social Security (\$1,690), and Medicare (\$397).

The increase in contractual services is related to higher expenditures in fees for other services (\$2,488), including database access fees for Westlaw and R-Base (\$1,654), and Office 365 and Kansas Legislative Research Department

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computer rental costs (\$1,019). There are also increases in travel and subsistence expenditures (\$1,784), including out-of-state meal and lodging for the COGEL conference. These increases are partially offset by decreases in other contractual services.

The agency's revised estimate includes an increase of \$690, all from the fee fund, in FY 2027 for capital outlay expenditures. This includes an increase of \$840 for computer hardware, which is partially offset by a decrease of \$250 for equipment and software. Additionally, other adjustments include a decrease of \$250, all from the fee fund, for commodities. This includes decreases in office supplies (-\$1,050), which were partially offset by increases in water cooler expenses (\$800).

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Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fees

Kansas Public Disclosure Commission Fees, FY 2026			
Fee	Current Fee	Statutory Limit*	Previous Fee**
Filing Fee			
Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ -
Candidates for other statewide offices	650	650	-
Candidates for Legis., State Board of Education & select local offices	50	50	-
Political Action Committee Fee (PAC)			
PAC (receipts under \$2500)	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
PAC (receipts over \$2,500, but less than \$7,500)	250	250	-
PAC (receipts over \$7,500, but less than \$15,000)	500	500	-
PAC (receipts over \$15,000)	750	750	-
Lobbyists			
Lobbyist fee (spending less than \$1,000 for single client)	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
Lobbyist fee (spending over \$1,000 for single client)	350	350	-
Fee for no-owner, non-partner lobbying firm employees	450	450	-

* Note: The authority for these fees is found in [KSA 25-4119a](#); [KSA 25-4145](#); [KSA 46-265](#).

** Note: These fees were changed within the last two fiscal years.