



# ***SIX MONTH STATUS REPORT***

***October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026***

**John A. Carey, Inspector General**



# OIG MISSION

- **Our mission is to provide independent and objective insight, oversight, and foresight in promoting integrity, efficiency, and overall effectiveness in government.**

***Enhancing public trust in government***



# OIG MISSION – *in other words*

To provide *independent* and *objective* oversight in government to:

Prevent, detect, and investigate fraud, waste, and abuse.



Promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity.

*Root out the bad*

*Promote the good*

***Making good government better***

# **OUTLINE**



- **PERSONNEL**
- **OIG ACTIVITIES** (Oct 1, 2025 – Mar 31, 2026)
- **BUDGET AND STAFFING**
- **PLANS, OBJECTIVES, & INITIATIVES**
- **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



# PERSONNEL HIGHLIGHTS



**FAU Audit Intern  
Nicolas De Jesus**  
**Patricia Judge-Lashley  
Assistant General Counsel**



**Chelsea Martin**



**CERTIFIED FRAUD  
EXAMINER**

**AIG Certified Professionals**

# PERSONNEL HIGHLIGHTS



Your next IG



**Kalinthia Dillard**  
**Awards**

**Legacy Award from the F. Malcolm Cunningham Sr.  
Bar Association**

**Legacy Magazine's Most Powerful and Influential  
Leaders for 2026**



# ***INSPECTOR GENERAL'S SIX MONTH REPORT***



**October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026**

## **Office of Inspector General Activities Related to:**

- **Intake and Investigations**
- **Contract Oversight and Evaluations**
- **Audit**
- **Training and Outreach**

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## **Intake and Investigations Highlights**

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## Intake Activities

Current 6 Months	
118	Complaints of wrongdoing
35	<b>Intake Activities led to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Investigations</li> <li>- 6 Referrals to OIG Contract Oversight and Evaluations Division</li> <li>- 7 Referrals to LEAs or COEs</li> <li>- 1 Management Inquiries</li> <li>- 19 Management Referrals</li> </ul>
17	Public Records Requests

Previous 6 Months	
142	Complaints of wrongdoing
27	<b>Intake Activities led to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 Investigations</li> <li>- 2 Referrals to OIG Contract Oversight and Evaluations Division</li> <li>- 9 Referrals to LEAs or COEs</li> <li>- 0 Management Inquiries</li> <li>- 12 Management Referrals</li> </ul>
17	Public Records Requests

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<b>Investigative Activities</b>	<b>Current 6 Months</b>	<b>Previous 6 Months</b>
<b>On-going Investigations or Investigative Reviews</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Referrals to Law Enforcement or to County or State Commissions on Ethics</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Issued Reports</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Recommendations Made</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Recommendations Accepted</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Identified Costs</b>	<b>\$22,572.67</b>	<b>\$30,495.54</b>



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## Investigative Report 2023-0004: Conspiracy to Submit False Information on County Assistance Applications

### ALLEGATIONS:

- West Palm resident Lakeita Westbrook sold fake supporting documents for County rental, food, and utilities assistance using social media.
- Social media posts included, "Doing Broward/Palm Beach rental assistance ...\$150 if you need documents/paystubs made."

### FINDINGS: SUPPORTED

- Two County applicants submitted falsified documents purchased from Ms. Westbrook.
- Ms. Westbrook admitted that she created and sold fake documents.
- She stated that at \$75-\$150 rate she charged per fake document, she made between \$2,500 and \$5,000 producing and submitting these documents.

We made one recommendation, that the County seek reimbursement of \$6,222.67 in Identified Costs.



**Referred to  
Law Enforcement**



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## Tips and Trends - Law Enforcement Bulletin: Scammers Selling Fake Documents to Exploit Public Assistance

The OIG informed County and municipal government about social media users selling fake government assistance documents.

- This Tips and Trends included next steps for government detection and prevention.
- Distributed to all County and municipal entities, and shared with non-profits.

John A. Carey  
Inspector General

Inspector General  
Accredited

**Be Wary of Scammers Selling Fake Documents to Exploit Public Assistance Programs**

Fraudsters are using Social Media Platforms to Market, Sell, and Distribute Fake Documents to Defraud Government Assistance Programs

Government assistance programs are designed to serve low-income and vulnerable members of the community. Palm Beach County government and municipal entities issue millions of dollars of assistance



Summary findings shared with 205 members of Palm Beach County Law Enforcement Fraud Task Force

Total Number of County Applications Submitted by Applicants that Used the IP Addresses of One of the Subjects	Total Number of County Applications Submitted by Applicants Who Sent Money Using CashApp to One of the Subjects	Combined Total Number of County Applications Submitted by Applicants with Either Connection to Subjects
373 for \$675,293.15 in Requested Funding	444 for \$1,393,092.10 in Requested Funding	811 for \$2,046,727.41 in Requested Funding

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## Investigative Report 2025-0002: Conspiracy to Submit False Information on County Assistance Applications

### ALLEGATIONS:

- An assistance applicant, in concert with his landlord, submitted false rental assistance applications to the County. The County approved one application and issued \$7,400 to the landlord. The applicant and landlord then split the proceeds.

### FINDINGS: SUPPORTED

- The applicant never lived at the rental address.
- The landlord admitted to the OIG that she never had a tenant, and that she and the applicant opened a bank account and split the assistance proceeds.

We made one recommendation, that the County seek reimbursement of \$7,400.00 in Identified Costs.



**Referred to  
Law Enforcement**

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## Investigative Report 2022-0013: Anitra Jones - False Information on County Assistance Applications

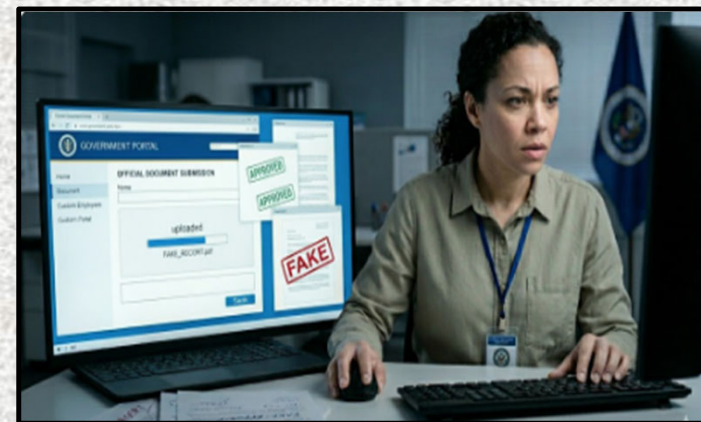
### ALLEGATIONS:

- Former County Community Services employee Anitra Jones used information obtained during her County employment to inappropriately obtain County funds for personal benefit.

### FINDINGS: SUPPORTED

- Ms. Jones leveraged her employment to access records of unknowing applicants and landlords.
- Ms. Jones provided false information to the County to register as a landlord, and submitted false applicant information to obtain \$8,950.00 in funding from County programs.
- She unsuccessfully attempted to acquire \$11,350.00 in funding.

We made one recommendation, that the County seek reimbursement of \$8,950 in Identified Costs.



**Referred to  
Law Enforcement**

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## **Contract Oversight and Evaluations Highlights**

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<b>Contract Oversight and Evaluations</b>	<b>Current 6 Months</b>	<b>Previous 6 Months</b>
<b>Monitored Procurement Activities</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>On-going Formal Reviews/Evaluations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Issued Reports</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>On-going Investigative Activities</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Investigative Activities Completed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

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CA-2024-0043: City of Riviera Beach – Fire Stations 87 & 88 Contract Review

## ALLEGATIONS:

- The City improperly expanded the scope of Invitation To Negotiate (ITN) to construct Fire Station 87.

## FINDINGS:

- The original scope of the ITN was specific to Fire Station 88. The City made a second award for Fire Station 87 that was a violation of the terms of the ITN and not competitively solicited in compliance with section 255.065, Florida Statutes.



## RECOMMENDATION:

Train staff and establish or amend policies and procedures to ensure compliance with section 255.065, F.S. and that the City's solicitation documents clearly define the scope of work on which the proposers are expected to compete.

**QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**\$18,867,368.92**

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## **CA-2025-0013: Service Plus Parts Contracts Review**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- **Assess whether the public entities made payments in compliance with the applicable contract terms and obtained detailed invoices or other supporting documentation for the cost of labor and materials.**

### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- **The public entities were divided regarding contract compliance with payment terms and obtaining sufficiently detailed invoices and supporting documentation for the cost of labor and materials.**



### **SUGGESTIONS:**

- **Ensure staff responsible for contract administration are familiar with contract terms.**
- **Establish and use a contract management process to ensure compliance with the contract terms.**
- **Obtain appropriate supporting documents prior to the payment of invoices.**

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Contract Oversight Activities Much of our impact happens “below the water line.”



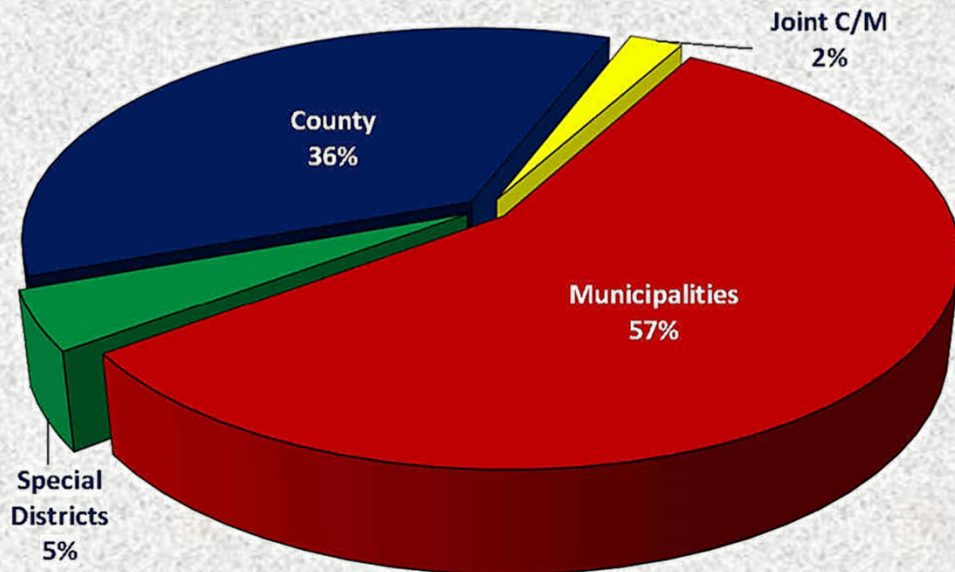
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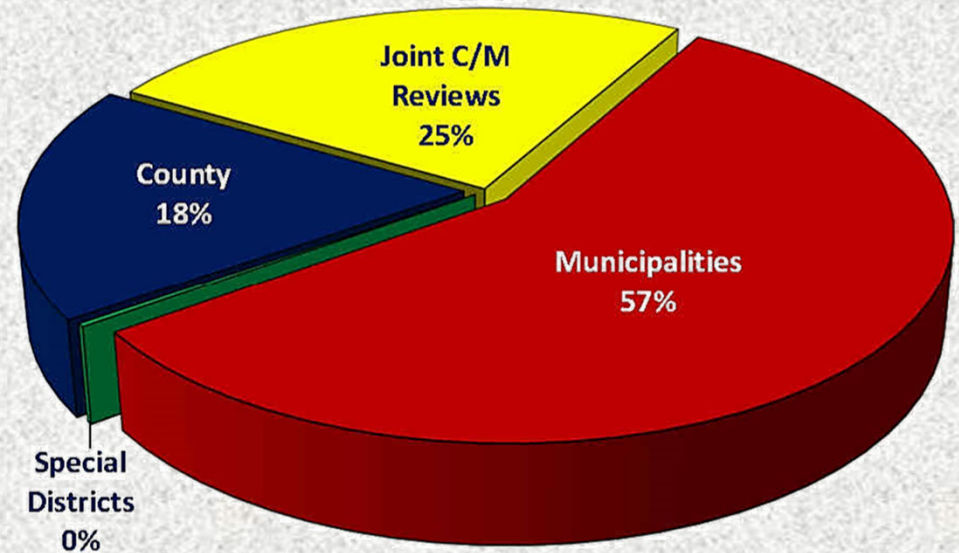
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## Contract Oversight and Evaluations - Monitored Activities

44 Total Activities



\$483.4M Total Contracts

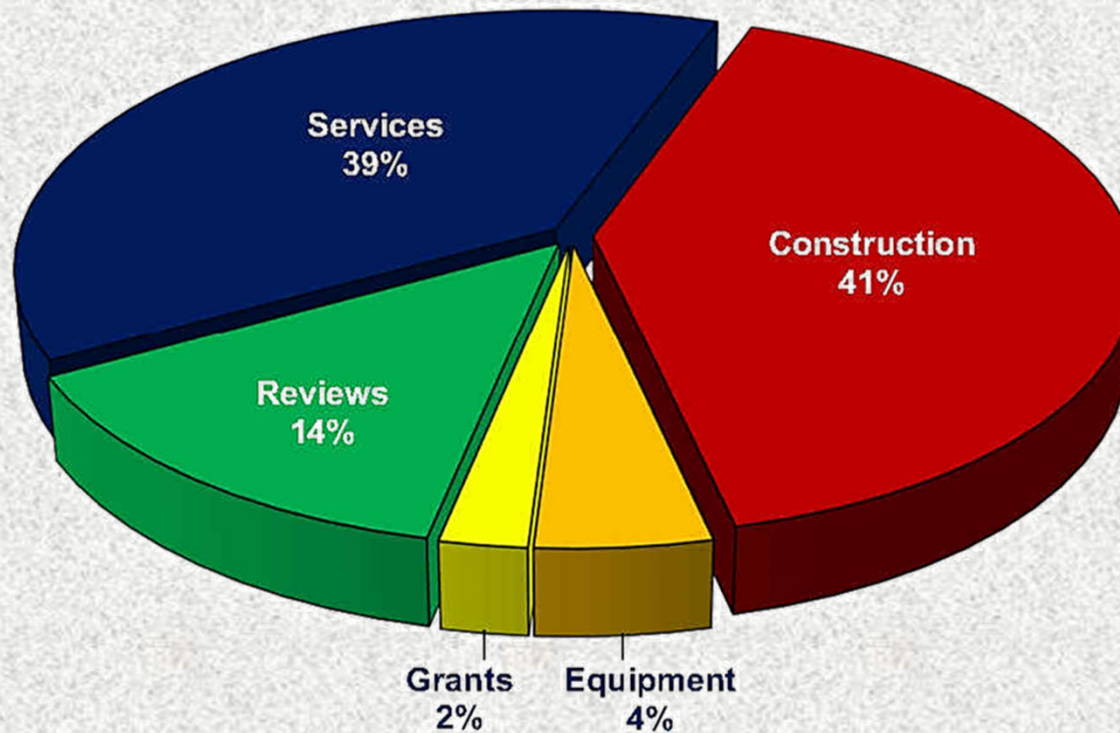


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## Contract Activities by Commodity



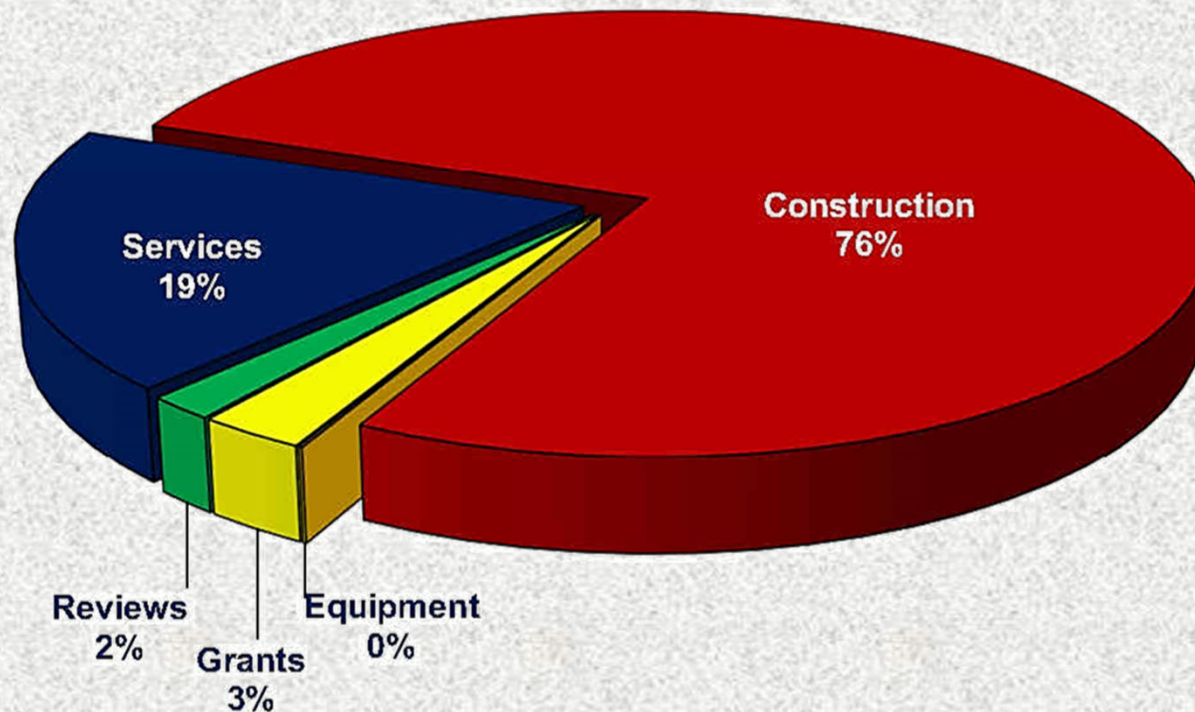
**COMPLAINTS REPRESENT  
38.6% OF THE TOTAL  
CONTRACT ACTIVITIES  
(17 OUT OF 44)**

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## Contract Activities by Dollar Value



COMPLAINTS REPRESENT  
22.6% OF THE TOTAL  
CONTRACT DOLLAR VALUE  
(\$109.1M)

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## Outreach, Training, and Assistance



### Palm Beach Gardens 2026 Vendor Open House

### ANNUAL VENDOR OPEN HOUSE & WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY **MARCH 20, 2026**  
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

A NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH EVENT

Presentations from THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL & CITY OF BOCA RATON

PRESENTED BY

SCAN QR CODE TO VIEW AGENDA



**NEW LOCATION!**  
BURNS ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER  
4404 BURNS ROAD  
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL

JOIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR A VENDOR OPEN HOUSE DESIGNED TO HELP VENDORS LEARN HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY DO BUSINESS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THIS EVENT WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO PROCUREMENT PROCESSES, WHILE OFFERING DIRECT ACCESS TO PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES. COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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## Outreach, Training, and Assistance



CITY OF BOCA RATON  
PURCHASING DIVISION IN  
COLLABORATION WITH  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
GENERAL

PRESENTS

### A Guide To: Best Practices, Key Findings and Red Flags

Guest Speaker: Anthony Montero, CIGE, CIGI  
Director of Contract Oversight & Evaluations Division  
Office of Inspector General  
Palm Beach County

March 27, 2026  
Downtown Library  
400 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Boca Raton  
FL 33432  
Time: 9:00 AM



## Boca Raton Celebrating Procurement Month



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## Outreach, Training, and Assistance

**Help!**

### Assistance

**Support**

- Are vendors required to complete bid certifications for human trafficking (§787.06(14) F.S.), scrutinized companies (§287.135 F.S.), and Foreign Entities (§287.138 F.S.)?
- Can a municipality create a policy that is more restrictive than Palm Beach County Ordinance, §2-355, Cone of Silence? Does it apply to their Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)?
- Can you assist us with information on construction best practices to create a construction manual? When is it best to do a Change Order versus a new solicitation/contract?
- For a Guaranteed Maximum Price Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract, what type of solicitation should we use?



**KNOWLEDGE**

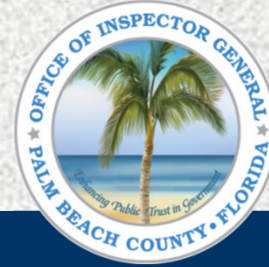
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## **Audit Highlights**

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## Audit Activities

Current 6 Months

Previous 6 Months

Audit Activities	Current 6 Months	Previous 6 Months
On-going Audits	10	10
Issued Reports	3	1
Recommendations Made	46	19
Recommendations Accepted	45	19
Questioned Costs and Potential Cost Savings	\$47,942	\$1,946,741
Issued Tips and Trends	0	1

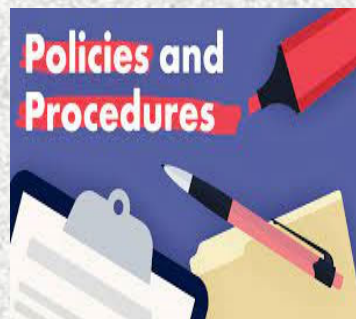
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## Audit Report 2026-A-0001 – Solid Waste Authority – Tipping Fee Revenue and Cash Intake Audit

### FINDINGS:

- Accounts receivable reconciliations lacked independent review, timeliness, and reconciliation of variances.
- Write-off of uncollectable accounts was inconsistent and lacked policy.
- Procedures for reviewing and collecting security deposits was not always followed.
- Management review of voided and manual tickets, and approval of charge accounts was not documented.



### Recommendations:

- Implement written guidance for Accounts Receivable Reconciliations and Write-Offs.
- Update accounting polices/procedures to align with current practices.
- Document management review of voided cash ticket transactions and charge accounts.

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## Audit Report 2026-A-0002 – Palm Beach County Workforce Housing Program (WHP) – Wellington Club Apartments

### FINDINGS:

- The Owner did not ensure that its property managers always charged the applicable WHP rental rate and/or properly applied utility charges and credits, and the County lacked sufficient monitoring to identify noncompliance.
- The County and Owner's property managers did not always follow the Restrictive Covenant with respect to WHP eligibility, lease restriction language, and lease addenda.

### Recommendations:

- The County implement routine reviews of WHP household files to verify information reported to the County is complete and accurate.
- The County develop and implement a departmental PPM for WHP monitoring activities.



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## Audit Report 2026-A-0003 – Jupiter Inlet Colony – Insurance Benefits and Former Mayor and Commissioner's Travel Expenses and Purchasing Card Purchases

### FINDINGS:

- The Town paid supplemental insurance premiums for the former Mayor in violation of its Charter.
- The former Police Chief's spouse enrolled in the Town's health insurance plan as an employee when she was not an employee.
- The Town's credit card process lacked sufficient controls, oversight, and written guidance.
- The former Mayor and Commissioner's travel expenditures did not comply with the Town's travel policy.

**Questioned Costs**  
**\$15,552.61**

**Identified Costs**  
**\$32,238.43**

**Avoidable Costs**  
**\$106.45**



### Recommendations:

- Recoup \$30,477 in premiums paid on behalf of the former Police Chief's spouse.
- Implement internal controls for the insurance enrollment and payment processes.
- Implement internal controls for credit card purchases.
- Strengthen oversight of travel expenditures.

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## **Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan – Audit Activities**

### **In Process:**

- **Carry-over Audits from Prior Year:**
  - **Construction Contract – PBC Facilities Development & Operations – PBSO Headquarters Renovation Project No. 11206**
  - **Complaint – City of Riviera Beach – Purchasing Cards & Council Member Out-of-State Travel Follow-Up Audit**
  - **Contracts/Agreements – Agreement between the Town of Palm Beach Shores and Waste Management Inc. of Florida for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services**
  - **Law Enforcement Overtime – City of Delray Beach**
  - **Purchasing Cards – Town of Ocean Ridge**
  - **Permitting – Town of Lake Park**
  - **IT Network Security Review – Town of Gulf Stream**



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## **Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan – Audit Activities**

### **In Process (continued):**

- **Current Year:**
  - **IT Network Security Review – Town of Hypoluxo**
  - **Contracts/Agreements – City of Greenacres**
  - **Water Quality Reporting – Village of Golf**



### **Planned:**

- **Contracts/Agreements**
- **Water Quality Reporting**
- **Grants**
- **Permitting Fees and Cash Receipts**
- **Law Enforcement Overtime**
- **Construction Contract Change Orders**
- **IT Network Security (Review)**

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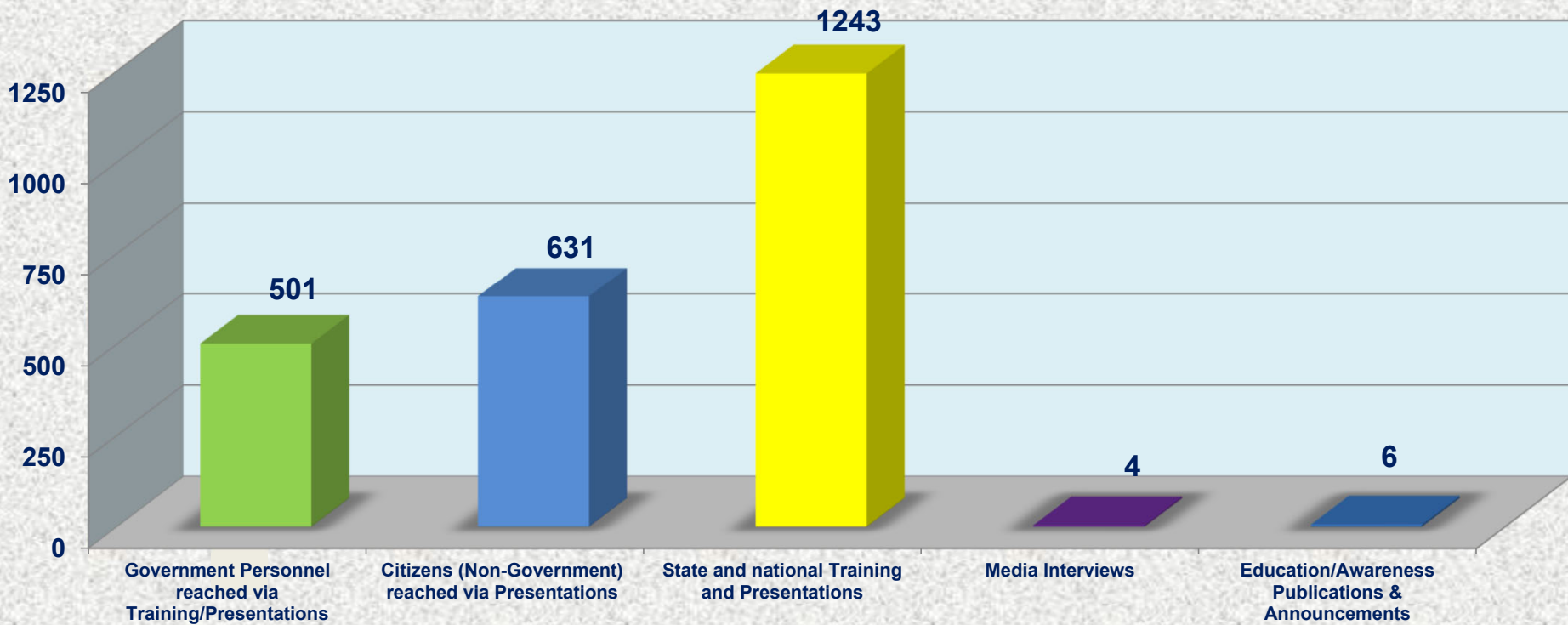
## **Training and Outreach**

# TRAINING AND OUTREACH



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***An ounce of outreach is worth a pound of enforcement.***






# TRAINING AND OUTREACH

## Education/Awareness Publications, Announcements, and Activities

**MARCH IS ETHICS AWARENESS MONTH**





We're proud to service Palm Beach County by promoting ethical public service in local government through integrity, transparency, and accountability. Let's celebrate our collective effort to strengthen ethics in local government!

**Office of Inspector General**  
Report Waste, Fraud, or Abuse  
**HOTLINE: (877) OIG-TIPS**  
oig.gov/oir

**Commission on Ethics**  
Ask First. Act Later.  
**HOTLINE: (877) 766-8820**  
palmbeachcountyethics.com



**PROGRAM GUIDE**   
March 2026



**Enhancing Public Trust in Government & Promoting Integrity, Efficiency and Effectiveness**  
*Emphasizing Ethics Awareness Month*



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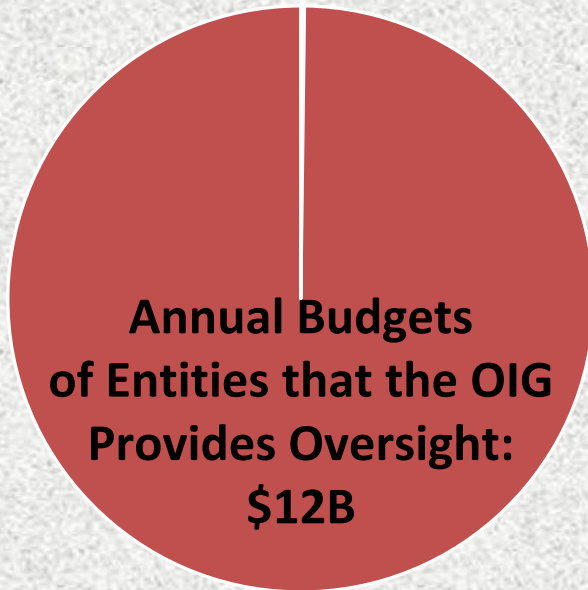


## **Budget and Staffing**

# INSPECTOR GENERAL BUDGET & STAFFING



OIG Annual Budget \$4.7M  
30 funded positions  
= 0.0391%



**\$4.7M = Approx. \$3.00 per Citizen or =**



**“The sheer size of the operations that your office oversees, your office’s jurisdiction and responsibility...is unparalleled by any other local government Inspector General office.”**

**2024 AIG Peer Review Report**

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## **Plans, Objectives, and Initiatives**

# ***PLANS, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES***



- **Continue to:**
  - **Execute the Strategic Plan**
  - **Expand outreach activities**
  - **Explore IT/tech/AI tools**
- **Farewell to IG Carey  
June 22 Contract Ends**
- **Transition to new IG Dillard**

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June 28, 2010 – March 31, 2026

## **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



June 28, 2010 – March 31, 2026

## We Listen.



- **14,016** Hotline/Office Calls and Correspondences

We offer an *independent* office for citizens in and out of government to bring concerns, questions, complaints.

**OUTPUT: At the End of the Day, “Enhancing Public Trust in Government.”**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

June 28, 2010 – March 31, 2026

**We Guard and Save  
Taxpayers' Dollars.**



- **\$77.3 M** Found in Questioned Costs
- **\$25.7 M** Found in Potential Cost Savings

**OUTPUT: At the End of the Day, "Enhancing Public Trust in Government."**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

June 28, 2010 – March 31, 2026

## We Make Government Better.

- **1,432** Recommendations/Corrective Actions
- **92.3%** Management Acceptance Rate
- Share best practices
- Prevent bad practices



**OUTPUT: At the End of the Day, “Enhancing Public Trust in Government.”**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

June 28, 2010 – March 31, 2026

## We Hold People Accountable.

- Investigations and Audits have led to **24** arrests and/or prosecutions.



- **769** cases have been referred to Law Enforcement or Ethics Commissions.



**OUTPUT: At the End of the Day, “Enhancing Public Trust in Government.”**

**OIG Values:**  
**P**rofessionalism  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**D**edication  
**E**xcellence



***THANK YOU AND FAREWELL!***

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