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May 7, 2026  
Director Jennifer Porter  
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**Via Email**

Dear Director Porter:

Please find enclosed post-hearing budget oversight questions from the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety. **Please provide responses to these questions no later than 9 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ella Hanson, Policy Advisor, at [ehanson@dccouncil.gov](mailto:ehanson@dccouncil.gov), or Eloy LaBrada, Deputy Committee Director, at [erodriguezlabrada@dccouncil.gov](mailto:erodriguezlabrada@dccouncil.gov).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO".

Brooke Pinto  
Councilmember, Ward 2  
Chairwoman, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety  
Council of the District of Columbia

cc: Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

Council Budget Office

1. **Please provide the waitlist data OVSJG collected in FY25 and FY26, if available, for re-entry services.**

To clarify the answer provided during the hearing, currently OVSJG does not collect request wait for housing as it pertains to re-entry programs. In FY26, if OVSJG receives information from grantees during the normal course of managing the grant, staff works with partners to determine if services can be provided.

OVSJG has requested grantees provide this information for FY26 and will share with the Committee when it's available. Additionally, OVSJG intends to update its Performance Measure Initiative in FY27 so the Office can begin formal collection of this information.

2. **Please identify which re-entry service providers restrict program participation based on when an applicant returned to community.**

Each grantee creates and maintains their own policies, procedures, and expectations to deliver the program to meet their own service delivery model. As part of ongoing compliance monitoring, OVSJG grant managers review a grantee's policies to ensure optimal service delivery is provided. It's possible a returning citizen does not match the program delivery model based on the program's criteria for success.

3. **How many addresses were processed through the Address Confidentiality Program in FY25 and FY26, to date?**

In FY25, 80 applications were received and 59 were accepted to the program. In FY26, 61 applications have been received so far and 51 applications have been accepted so far. The Address Confidentiality Program currently has accepted 274 applications to date and currently has 186 active participants.

4. **The percent of new patients eligible for HVIP services that were contacted by a program declined from 71% in FY24 to 60% in FY25, and of those patients who were contacted, only 74% received services in FY25 compared to 90% in FY24. In the agency's performance oversight post-hearing question responses, the agency noted that "OVSJG hopes to expand training to better understand and support data collection and reporting for the programs." Can you expand on what support and trainings OVSJG will provide HVIP grantees in FY26 and FY27 to increase the patient contact and service delivery rate?**

OVSJG holds monthly meetings with HVIP providers as a group to discuss challenges, conduct case reviews, and provide technical assistance and resources. Additionally, OVSJG's HVIP grant manager holds regular individual meetings with the HVIP grantees and program staff to provide technical assistance and guidance. On May 15, OVSJG is presenting on data collection to the HVIP partners and will provide technical assistance, answer questions, and provide guidance while highlighting areas of concern in data collection. These efforts are ongoing and will continue in FY27. It is important to note uptake of the program is not a direct correlated indicator of program efficacy and can be impacted by individual readiness, crime trends and program changes.

5. **The Committee understands that OVSJG did not co-apply with any**

**organizations for federal grants in FY25 and that there currently is not a process in place to do so. What does OVSJG need in order to pursue federal and philanthropic funding?**

OVJSG pursues and maintains over 12 federal funding award programs annually on a rolling basis throughout the year and secures and maintains compliance with each of those despite changes in the federal requirements and program scopes. Most critical, to pursue any additional funding sources from the federal government or private sector, OVSJG must maintain staffing levels necessary for an organization that issues, monitors, and manages more than \$100 million in local and federal grant funding. Additionally, staffing levels are required to ensure compliance while responding to both routine and randomized monitoring of state and federal requirements. OVSJG is in constant communication with the federal government regarding status updates on federal grants which requires meticulous monitoring of these grant activities. This level of staff engagement require significant personnel time and commitment on top of our routine management of the local portfolio. OVSJG cannot operate with less FTEs.

**6. Please provide an overview of the responsibilities of OVSJG staff who are not grants managers. Can these staff members fully absorb the responsibilities of current vacant positions?**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Position Description</b>	<b>Ability to absorb responsibilities of Vacancies</b>
Chief of Staff	Vacant (on second round of interview)	<p>Core Team Lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as a member of the executive leadership team and a chief advisor to the Director. Actively participates in agency-wide decision making with a goal towards ensuring equitable application of administration and departmental goals and policies.</li> <li>Strategic lead for federal grant expansion, internal and external policies, agency compliance, and agency wide project management.</li> <li>Interfaces with, and represents OVSJG in, the community and with the District's executive leadership including the Executive Office of the Mayor, other District and federal agencies, and City Council.</li> </ul>	N/A
Deputy Director of Victim Services	Filled	<p>Victim Services Administration Lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as a member of the executive leadership team.</li> <li>Leads and supervises Victim Services grants management team and Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) team and day to day operations of the team.</li> </ul>	This role has filled in for aspects of the Chief of Staff but lacks the capacity to fully implement and lead all aspects of the Chief, especially personnel management, as this position currently manages

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for ensuring that community-based organizations and District agencies have equal access to funding opportunities systems in the District.</li> <li>Responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance with financial and programmatic grant requirements and evaluating program effectiveness. Responsible for overseeing the programmatic strategies and coordinating grant-making efforts of the Victim Services program funds.</li> <li>Implements opportunities for collaborative partnerships among the public, private and non-governmental sectors to secure additional services and seek opportunities for funding, technical assistance, and coalition building.</li> </ul>	<p>a team. This team member currently manages multiple projects, and the Chief of Staff is meant to support and improve the needs of the senior leadership team and the agency.</p>
Deputy Director of Justice Grants	Filled	<p>Justice Grants Administration Lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as a member of the executive leadership team.</li> <li>Leads and supervises Justice Grants management team and day to day operations of the team.</li> <li>Responsible for ensuring that community-based organizations and District agencies have equal access to funding opportunities systems in the District.</li> <li>Responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance with financial and programmatic grant requirements and evaluating program effectiveness. Responsible for overseeing the programmatic strategies and coordinating grant-making efforts of the Justice Grant program funds.</li> <li>Implements opportunities for collaborative partnerships among the public, private and non-governmental sectors to secure additional services and seek opportunities for funding, technical assistance, and coalition building.</li> </ul>	<p>This role has filled in for aspects of the Chief of Staff but lacks the capacity to fully implement and lead all aspects of the Chief, especially personnel management, as this position currently manages a team. This team member currently manages multiple projects, and the Chief of Staff is meant to support and improve the needs of the senior leadership team and the agency.</p>
Administrative Officer	Filled	<p>Operations Team Lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as a member of the executive leadership team.</li> </ul>	<p>This role has filled in for aspects of the Chief of Staff but lacks the capacity</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leads all aspects of budget and finance management including budget formulation, grant establishment, interagency finances, day-to-day financial management, liaises with OCFO, OBPM, and AFOs at various agencies.</li> <li>Serves as human resources advisor in roles such as personnel management (hiring/offboarding), liaises with DCHR, FMLA coordinator.</li> <li>Serves as agency procurement and system implementation for grants management and other technology systems.</li> </ul>	to fully implement and lead all aspects of the Chief, especially personnel management, as this position currently manages a team. This team member currently manages multiple projects, and the Chief of Staff is meant to support and improve the needs of the senior leadership team and the agency.
Program Analyst	Filled	<p>Policy and Outreach Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracks relevant policy and legislation and synthesizes it for executive leadership for decision making.</li> <li>Leads council hearing project management and liaises with OPLA and DMPSJ.</li> <li>Serves as the lead PIO including communications, website management, coordination of outreach and awareness days.</li> <li>Leads the Unjust Conviction and Imprisonment Compensation Program.</li> <li>Supports agency required public reporting and federal grant application promotion via liaising with federal grants teams to assure agency compliance with public reporting and public input period requirements.</li> </ul>	This role has filled in for aspects of the Chief of Staff including policy and legislation leadership.
Operations Advisor	Filled	<p>Supports Operations Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as the primary PCard holder and management of daily agency spending.</li> <li>Leads the establishment of purchase orders for grant portfolio.</li> <li>Supports the Director and senior leadership team with administrative support such as schedule management, meeting logistics coordination, and staffing at events and meetings.</li> <li>Serves as back-up human resources advisor in roles such as time management and ADA</li> </ul>	This role has absorbed one half of the special assistant duties

		<p>coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as agency risk and safety management lead with ORM.</li> <li>• Serves as back-up Public Information Officer.</li> </ul>	
Resource Allocation Analyst	Filled	<p>Data Lead and Finance/Operations Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for leading agency data strategy including, performance planning and reporting to the OCA, fielding data request from internal and external stakeholders, and prepares data for performance and budget hearings.</li> <li>• Creates, collects and manages grantee performance data, provides analysis to support funding decisions and provides technical assistance to grantees.</li> <li>• Serves as the Enterprise Data Officer.</li> <li>• Supports the agencies compliance with all District required data performance measures including tracking the agency's status on District-wide key performance indicators and equity measures.</li> <li>• Collaborates with Mayoral and Federal data representatives to track updates in mandated data and metric requirements, leads change management, implementation, and institutionalization of new requirements and reporting.</li> <li>• Supports the collection, maintenance for OVJSG's federally required agency data.</li> <li>• Support the management and implementation of OVSJG's Grants Management system.</li> <li>• Provides financial analysis regarding grantee spending.</li> <li>• Supports the payment of grantees as the back-up receiver.</li> </ul>	This role cannot absorb any of the open vacancies
Training Specialist	Filled	<p>Training and Technical Assistance Lead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for developing and organization training programs for all agency implemented programs, including the design and delivery of training and organizational development; operational assessments; course learning objectives; and evaluation of the impact on organization goals and</li> </ul>	This role cannot absorb any of the vacancies

		<p>priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for managing the training, change management and technical assistance of OVSJG's grants management system.</li> <li>• Responsible for synthesizing organizational needs and delivering training to address training gaps, support with onboarding, implementation of agency policies, and grants management to support OVSJG staff with professional development and knowledge gaps.</li> <li>• Leads the agency's public engagement in incorporation of peer reviewers. Assuring the selection of grantees is informed by the community the programs aim to serve. Works to recruit, train, onboard, assign and assist peer reviewers.</li> </ul>	
Staff Assistant	Filled	<p>Office Management and Staff Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as OVSJG internal administrative and office support including front desk receptionist, manages agency wide emails, calendars and phones, office supply management, building operations, and support to the grants management team.</li> <li>• Serves as the lead for paying grantees in DIFS including receiver and reviewer of grantee invoice, payment of peer reviewers, and liaises with accounts payable.</li> </ul>	<p>This has absorbed one half of the Special Assistant duties.</p> <p>Additionally, this role has temporarily filled in for aspects of the PSCIP Program Coordinator role. The PSCIP requires two reviewers of applications for approval and in the absence of the role being filled, the staff assistant has filled in to support the mandated requirements.</p>
Address Confidentiality/ Domestic Violence Fatality Review Program Manager	Filled	<p>Programmatic Lead for ACP and DVFRB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages and implements all aspects of the ACP from ACP staff, application review, mail forwarding, out-reach, policy, budget, and interagency relationships and MOUs.</li> <li>• Manages all aspects of the DVFRB from case reviews, board logistics coordination, presentations, annual reports, and interagency relationships.</li> <li>• Responsible for the districts reporting to federal databases for DV homicide data updates.</li> </ul>	<p>ACP/DVFRB Program Manager is the currently the sole operator of the program and the coordinator is essential the increasing volume of applications and complexity of the need in the District. The manager is currently operating as both the coordinator and manager and has no true back-up/co-lead to this city-wide program.</p>
ACP Program Coordinator	Vacant	<p>ACP Support and Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports and delivers all tasks</li> </ul>	N/A

		<p>associated with the ACP including first round reviews application, mail forwarding, liaising with survivors, training ACP application assistants at grantee organizations, community outreach.</p>	
Private Security Camera Incentive Program Manager	Filled	<p>Programmatic Lead for PSCIP and Expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manages and implements all aspects of the PSCIP from PSCIP staff, expansion of the program, application review, data management, payments (vouchers and rebates), community outreach, policy, budget, and interagency relationships and MOUs.</li> </ul>	<p>PSCIP Program Manager is the currently the sole operator of the program and the coordinator is essential to implement the legislated expansion of program, lowering the wait times for application review and closure. The manager is currently operating as both the coordinator and manager and has no true back-up/co-lead to this city-wide program.</p>
PSCIP Program Coordinator	Vacant (final interview round completed)	<p>Programmatic Lead for PSCIP and expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports and delivers all tasks associated with the PSCIP, specifically tasked with implementing legislated expansion of the program, application review, liaises with residents, data management, payments (vouchers and rebates), community outreach, and camera inspections.</li> </ul>	N/A
Special Assistant	Vacant	<p>Assistant to the Director of OVJSJG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the coordination of external facing operation of the day to day. Liaising with CJCC committees, public safety cluster colleagues and convenings and assuring the agencies external operation coordination and logistics are maintained.</li> <li>Day to day coordination of meetings with the VAN, RAN, JJAG, Project CHANGE and other statutorily mandated convened bodies that grant managers and finance core team's extended capacity with federal awards limits. This includes assistance with required minutes, posting of agendas within prescribe required times and</li> </ul>	N/A

		<p>assistance with subcommittee tasks and outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinates required external communication during RFA process including monitoring RFA Questions inbox to include capturing questions, internally coordinating responses, and posting on OVSJG website and other required external updates and postings.</li></ul>	
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