# CPRB

#### Albany Community Police Review Board

FY2025 Budget Proposal Fact Sheet

#### Overview

- The Community Police Review Board (CPRB)'s work enhances police accountability and helps people understand the law, their rights, and the legal parameters of law enforcement while helping build the Albany Police Department (APD)'s credibility among Albany's diverse communities.
- The CPRB is the **only** agency in the City of Albany responsible for holding the APD accountable to its own policies and applicable laws.
- Effective January 1, 2025, the CPRB will transition into the formal City structure under the oversight of the Common Council.
- The City of Albany has once again proposed **a city budget that slashes the CPRB's funding this time by 15%**. The City's annual proposed budget is required by Local Law J to fund the CPRB in an amount equivalent to **no less than 1%** of the total proposed budget for APD.
- The CPRB proposes that the FY2025 City Budget dedicate **\$804,000** to the CPRB, with no change from FY2024. This amount is equivalent to 1.16% of the Proposed Budget for APD for 2025.
- The City's FY2025 Proposed Budget appropriates **\$683,010** to the CPRB, which is equivalent to 0.99% of the Proposed Budget for APD for 2025.

**Budget Summary** 

CATEGORY	2024 ADOPTED	2025 CITY PROPOSED	2025 CPRB PROPOSED
Authorized Positions	1	4	4.5
Personnel Services	-	\$295,000	\$348,000
Equipment	-	\$26,000	\$39,000
Contractual Expenses	\$804,000	\$230,500	\$323,985
Employee Benefits	-	\$131,510	93,016
Total	\$804,000	\$683,010 (- <mark>\$120,990</mark> from 2024)	\$804,000 (same as 2024)

**2000** Year established

## 2021

Year Local Law J passed unanimously by Common Council and approved by:

## **70**%

of voters, affirming CPRB's authority to conduct independent investigations

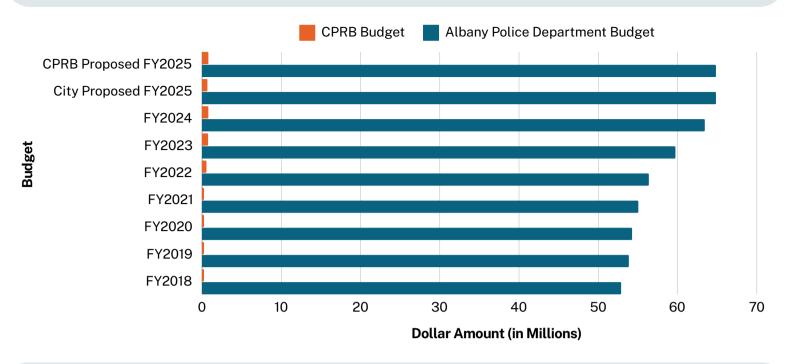
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Complaints received to date in 2024

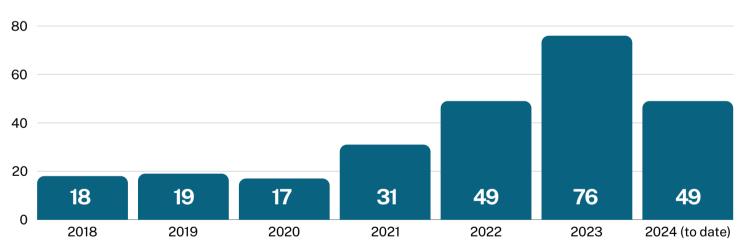
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Complaints under independent investigation

#### Budget Comparison: CPRB and Albany Police Department



#### **Complaints and Investigations**



#### Alleged Police Misconduct Complaints Received Per Year

- The CPRB's outreach efforts and investigations have improved community trust, leading to an
  increase in annual complaints received since 2020. In 2023, the CPRB received 1.5 times more
  complaints than in 2022. We expect this trend to continue as we grow and build our capacity.
- In 2021, Local Law J (Prop 7) was **unanimously passed** by the Common Council. The ballot referendum was **approved by 70% of voters**. Enacted in 2022, Local Law J affirms the CPRB's authority to conduct independent investigations with subpoena power.
- The CPRB has received **49 new complaints** since January 1, 2024. The CPRB has reviewed and provided disciplinary recommendations for **32 complaints** in 2024.
- This year, the CPRB voted to independently investigate **1 incident** of great public interest. The CPRB is currently conducting independent investigations into **5** complaints.

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