



Albany Community Police Review Board

FY2025 Budget Proposal Fact Sheet

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

48

Complaints received to date in 2024

Overview

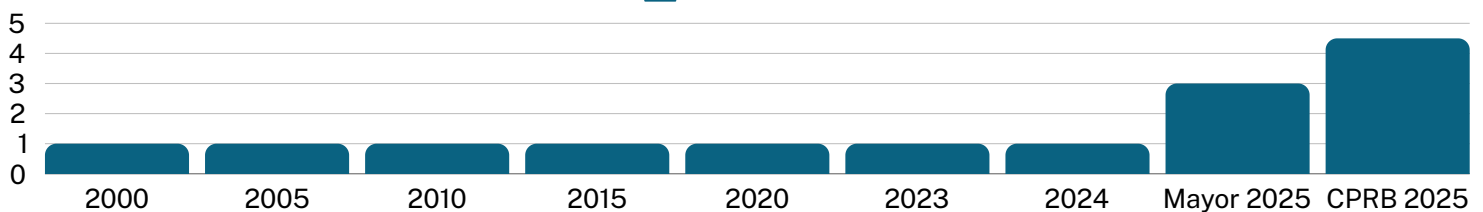
- The Community Police Review Board (CPRB) is the **only** agency in the City of Albany responsible for holding the Albany Police Department (APD) accountable to its own policies and applicable laws.
- The City's annual proposed budget is required by Local Law J (§ 42-334(F)) to fund the CPRB in an amount equivalent to **no less than 1%** of the total proposed budget for APD.
- The CPRB proposes that the FY2025 City Budget dedicates **\$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 Mayor's FY2025 Proposed Budget appropriates \$683,010 to the CPRB, a **decrease of 15%** from FY2024, and an amount equivalent to 0.99% of the Proposed Budget for APD for 2025.
- The CPRB's Proposed Budget will enable the Board to dedicate sufficient personnel to **fulfill its voter-approved mandate to conduct objective and thorough investigations in a timely manner**.

Proposed Budget Appropriations by Category

	Adopted FY2021	Adopted FY2022	Adopted FY2023	Amended FY2024	Mayor Proposed FY2025	CPRB Proposed FY2025
CPRB Budget	\$250,000	\$564,000	\$770,000	\$804,000	\$683,010	\$804,000

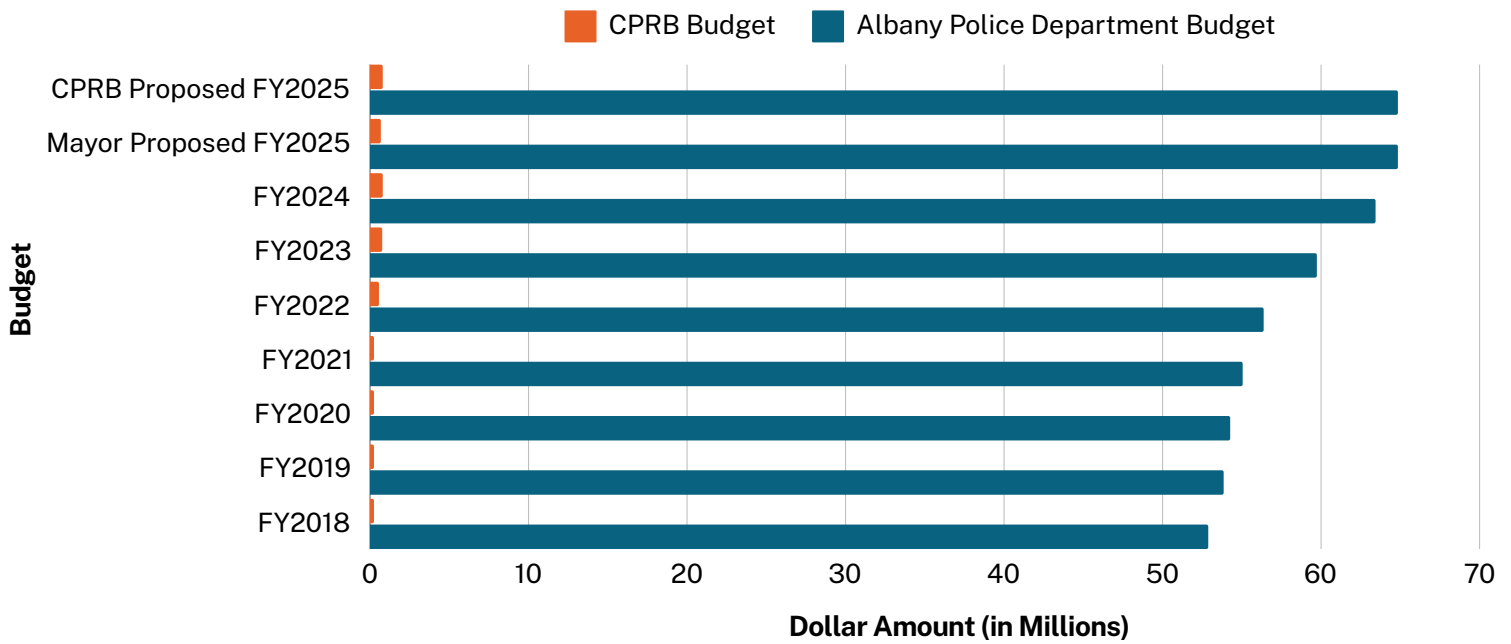
Personnel

■ Budgeted FTE



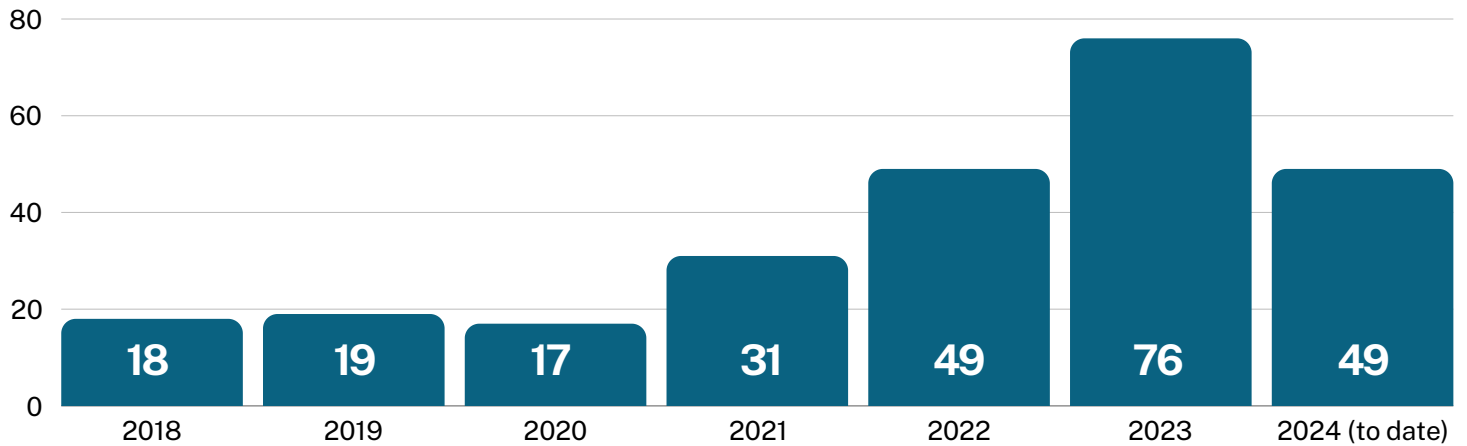
- Due to funding limitations, the CPRB has operated with **1** full-time staff position for **nearly 25 years**. As the CPRB's responsibilities have expanded, the CPRB needs more personnel, including staff investigators, a confidential secretary, and community outreach staff.
- The CPRB's FY2025 Proposed Budget appropriates **4 full-time staff positions** and **1 part-time staff position** to the CPRB. **This proposal creates meaningful jobs for City residents.**

Budget Comparison: CPRB and Albany Police Department



Complaints and Investigations

Alleged Police Misconduct Complaints Received Per Year



- From 2018 to 2020, the CPRB received the fewest complaints in its history. The CPRB's outreach efforts and investigations have **improved community trust**, leading to an **increase in complaints received**. In 2023, the CPRB received 1.5 times more complaints than in 2022.
- 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**.