CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

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Introduction

Fiscal Year 2018 marked the third year of Corrections Information Council’s (CIC’s) fiscal and operational independence. During this year, the CIC expanded board and staff positions, and changed the nature of some staff functions to more effectively use and dissemination information. There were reports of more violence at a federal prison and an emergency office move, which affected the work of the CIC, especially towards the end of the fiscal year. Yet the CIC soldiers on, providing information and recommendations to improve conditions of confinement and transition to the community for incarcerated DC residents, their loved ones, decision-makers, stakeholders, and the community.

The CIC is indebted to Board Members Charles Thornton (Chair), Katharine Huffman, and Phylisa Carter. The CIC also welcomed Calvin Woodland, Jr., former chief of staff to the late DC Council Member Jim Graham, as its newest board member in December 2017. Calvin was the third Mayoral Appointee, pursuant to the Omnibus Criminal Justice Act of 2016, which increased the CIC board from three to five positions. By the end of the fiscal year, the Council had made its second nomination to the CIC board, Nkechi Taifa, former chair of the DC Commission on Human Rights and Criminal Justice Advocacy Director at the Open Society Institute.

In addition to ongoing work, the CIC continued and repeated large, adventurous projects from FY17 into FY18, including:

- **Holiday Postcard Writing Initiative** in November-December 2017, with over 4000 postcards sent to incarcerated DC residents from dozens of volunteers;

- The creation of a Communications Specialist position, who has enabled the CIC to publish the **CIC Bulletin** monthly, with increased social media and other other news alerts.

- **CIC Open meetings** held quarterly throughout the fiscal year.
• **2018 DC Prisoner and Reentry Symposium: Envisioning a New Jail,** in conjunction with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), with over 160 attendees and information from local decision-makers, programming experts, national criminal justice experts, and experts from various jurisdictions who shared promising practices for designing and developing new corrections facilities.

**New initiatives for Fiscal Year 2018 include:**

• A new **CIC Liaison** position, which has allowed CIC to communicate emergencies involving individuals to leadership of the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) for more immediate response and corrective action;

• Development of a **Program Analyst position devoted to DOC** and local halfway house inspections, reports, and information; and

• **CIC public testimonies** before District Council Committees on issues including: special education, the Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 2017, treatment of opioid dependency during confinement, and conditions at DOC facilities. The CIC also participated in a working group involving education issues facing detained students.

The CIC is forever thankful for the support and collaboration of those incarcerated willing to communicate with the CIC, community members, service providers, government agencies, corrections agencies, and decision-makers – all who are affected by and affect the lives of incarcerated DC residents. The CIC hopes that the information it provides is helpful to all of you.

Michelle Bonner  
Executive Director
Facilities Inspected/Visited* by the CIC in Fiscal Year 2018

- **USP Big Sandy**, CA
  - 105 DC Men
  - Aug. 29-30, 2018

- **USP Atwater**, CA
  - 70 DC Men
  - Apr. 21-22, 2018

- **USP Pollock**, LA
  - 48 DC Men
  - Dec. 14-15, 2017

- **DOC Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF)** – 135 Women, 559 Men
  - Sept. 30, 2018

- **DOC Central Detention Facility (CDF, “DC Jail”)** – 1339 men
  - Sept. 30, 2018

- **Fairview RRC, DC**
  - 19 DC Women
  - May 3, 2018
In fiscal year 2018, outside of inspection interviews, the CIC received 983 concerns through letters, calls, emails, and jail visits, from over 200 incarcerated DC persons and their loved ones. The chart above presents a breakdown of the types of concerns received by the CIC. The top three distinct issues were institutional safety, medical services, and grievance (administrative remedies) process.
DC Department of Corrections – Overview and Observations
In FY 2018, the DC Department of Corrections ("DOC") consisted of:
- Central Detention Facility ("CDF" or "DC Jail") – adult men only;
- Correctional Treatment Facility ("CTF") – women, adult men, DOC-operated unit for juveniles charged as adults (through September 2018);
- Central Cellblock – the holding cells for DC Superior Court;
- Contracted beds in residential reentry centers ("RRCs" or "halfway houses").

According to DOC “Facts and Figures: September 2018,” in FY 2018, the average daily male population in DOC custody was 1,922; the average DOC female population was 148, and the average DOC juvenile population was 19.

Additionally, although Black residents comprise 47.7% of the overall DC population, they made up 88% of the DOC inmate population in FY 2018.
Throughout fiscal year 2018, the CIC Program Analyst assigned to DOC, CIC Liaison, other staff, and interns conducted in-person visits with persons detained at DOC facilities CDF and CTF. The CIC received more than 235 concerns from over 45 incarcerated DC persons in DOC custody. The chart above presents a breakdown of the types of concerns received by the CIC. The areas with the most frequent concerns included medical services, housing, religious services, grievance process, and safety.
The following section outlines highlights related to DOC programming options and the operation of the CDF and CTF in FY 2018.

**Increased Educational Opportunities and Programming Options**

As part of a strategy to increase educational and programming opportunities to incarcerated individuals, the DOC hired education administrative personnel, scheduled professional development and training for DOC teaching staff in instructional strategies and best practices, and hired and trained more educators and staff to expand and support educational program efforts. Amy Lopez was appointed Deputy Director of Professional Development and College and Career Readiness, and now oversees education and training of security and administrative staff, as well as education of those in custody. With these developments in FY 2018, the DOC has become a national leader in providing numerous programming options, not typically available in jail settings.

In efforts to continuously grow education programs, the DOC expanded post-secondary opportunities for those housed at the CDF and CTF through partnerships with universities. Ashland University, based in Ohio, provides students in both CDF and CTF with for-credit college courses that allow students to work towards an Associate’s Degree via distance learning on modified Android tablets. While the students do not have Internet access, they do have access to an e-reader, online tutoring, *Khan Academy*, *iHeartRadio*, and *TedTalk* through the tablets. Howard University merges Howard students and those housed within DOC facilities to engage together in a classroom setting within the facilities as a part of the *Inside-Out: Crime and Justice Beyond the Wall* course. University of the District of Columbia (UDC) offers certifications in hospitality and tourism career pathways. Additionally, those housed in CTF are able to participate in courses such as English Literature, History, Government and Politics through Georgetown University. In September 2018, two of the Georgetown classes offered to those in the CTF are credit-bearing. A number of STEM-focused Career Technical Education (CTE) courses are available, and provide participants with industry-recognized certifications.
Juveniles Moved Out of DC Adult Correctional Facility
Under the *Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016*, juveniles charged as adults were to be moved from the adult DOC facility to the District's juvenile detention facility, New Beginnings, operated by the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), by October 1, 2018. During the CIC inspection on September 26, the CIC was able to verify the relocation of juveniles charged as adults under DC Code Title 16 into the custody of the DYRS was in compliance with this Act. The District no longer holds minors in its adult facilities, which is consistent with correctional safety and best practices - a significant and positive milestone for the District.
Safety and Security Issues in FY 2018
In FY 2018, the US Marshal Service (USMS) for the US District Court for the District of Columbia decided to move many federal pretrial detainees from the DOC to Northern Neck Regional Jail, about 89 miles from the District. The DOC testified that they were informed of this decision via email on June 11, 2018, when the USMS began to move these detainees, and at least 65 detainees had been transferred out of DOC to Northern Neck. DOC Director Quincy Booth reported that the USMS explained that the move was due to “safety and security” concerns, without further explanation. During this time, the CIC observed two public reports of stabbings at the DC Jail:
• According to WUSA9, on June 4, 2018, at approximately 11:18 pm an inmate was found with a stab wound at the DC Jail. He was taken to the hospital and was expected to recover.
• According to WTOP, a 22-year-old male plead guilty to a nonfatal stabbing on May 17, 2018, of an inmate at the DC Jail.

Two Instances of Unknown Substances Mailed to DOC
On Thursday, March 15, 2018, seven DOC employees received medical attention after opening a package at the CTF containing a synthetic drug first believed to be the synthetic opioid fentanyl. A District Fire & EMS spokesperson later reported that, after further testing, the substance was identified as synthetic cannabinoid. According to two District officials, the package was addressed to an inmate at the facility. On Friday, March 23, another unknown substance was found in the CTF mail. As a precaution, one DOC employee was taken to the hospital and three others who were exposed to the substance were treated on site.
Unauthorized Releases and Over-detention

On Thursday, June 28, 2018, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, held a public oversight roundtable entitled, "The Department of Corrections and Unauthorized Inmate Releases," in response to recent media reports of six unauthorized releases of inmates in DOC custody. In order to prevent future occurrences, Director Booth testified that DOC is working with other agencies involved in the issuance and execution of orders to detain and release persons in DOC custody. In addition to the issue of unauthorized releases, the Committee also inquired about over-detention, in light of the October 2017 media coverage on a District man who was over-detained in jail for 77 days, as well as another instance of over-detention for five days. Director Booth testified that DOC is taking responsibility in identifying both the cause and preventative remedy of each erroneous release and over-detention.

Parking at DOC Facilities

The CIC observed and received multiple complaints from attorneys, visitors, and DOC staff regarding the lack of parking at CDF and CTF during the fiscal year, due to the closure and demolition of DC General and ancillary structures, and construction of residential and retail structures adjacent to the DC General site. Parking was severely limited, without adequate parking for both staff and visitors. Staff, who were forced to use public transportation or park far away, began using the lockers positioned outside of the CDF and CTF during their shifts in order to store belongings prohibited inside of the facilities. Staff use of these paid lockers made them unavailable to legal and social visitors. Legal and social visitors with special needs had difficulties visiting the facility, and some were forced to travel from cars parked far from the facilities, or abandon visits altogether. Through negotiations with the Department of General Services, who has oversight and control of the DC General campus, the DOC obtained approximately 200 alternative parking spaces near the rear of DC General campus. DOC has also added more lockers. However, distance and locker issues remain a concern.
Voting at the Central Detention Facility/DC Jail (CDF) and the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF)

On June 13, 2018, the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE), DC Office of Human Rights (OHR), and the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) conducted its DOC absentee voting event. Eligible voters detained at the DOC were able to cast their ballots. This event highlights the work by DCBOE, OHR, and DOC to ensure that all residents of the District of Columbia have the knowledge and ability to exercise their constitutional right to vote, regardless of their societal status.
Federal Bureau of Prisons – Overview and Observations
Overview of Incarcerated DC Persons in BOP Facilities

According to Sept. 30, 2018, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) census data, there were 4,500 DC residents in BOP custody, including 4,336 men and 164 women. Out of the 4,500 total, 328 men and 46 women were in transit to a facility. DC inmates are incarcerated in over 118 different BOP facilities and contract facilities across 35 states, including the District of Columbia.

The BOP classifies facilities by name according to their designated security levels.
- Community Corrections Management Offices (CCMs) for halfway houses and non-federal correctional facilities housing BOP custody persons.
- Federal Prison Camps (FPCs) are minimum security facilities.
- Federal Correctional Institutions (FCIs Low) are low security facilities.
- FCIs Medium are designated to house medium security inmates.
- United States Penitentiaries (USPs) are high security facilities.
- Administrative facilities are institutions with special missions, including Federal Detention Centers ("FDCs") or special security facilities, including USP Florence ADX and USP Lewisburg Special Management Unit.
- Federal Medical Centers (FMC's) are designed to provide high levels of medical and mental health treatment.

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BOP Facilities Incarcerating the Largest Number of DC Residents

**Incarcerated DC Men in BOP Custody**

This chart displays the top ten male BOP facilities with the highest concentrations of incarcerated DC men as of Sept. 30, 2018. The state with the most DC men is West Virginia with 847, then Pennsylvania with 615 men as of September 30, 2018.

**Incarcerated DC Women in BOP Custody**

In September 2018, there were 164 DC women in BOP custody in at least 12 states, including DC. Of this total, 46 women were in transit. The largest number of DC women designated to a single facility is 43 at SFF Hazelton in West Virginia, approximately 193 miles from DC.
Stormy Fiscal Year for BOP

Fiscal year 2018 for the BOP has been bookended by hurricanes: Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Beaumont was hard hit by Harvey in September and October of 2017. The CIC and Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizen Affairs visited incarcerated DC men at USP Beaumont in October 2017, where they learned of 3 weeks-long conditions of no running or potable water, not being able to flush toilets, and days of phone and email outages. Fortunately, Hurricane Florence downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it hit the Carolina shore in September 2018. FCI Bennettsville experienced power outage for a few days prior to being brought back online. Other facilities in the area were not adversely affected by the storm.

Change to BOP Transgender Offender Manual

On Friday, May 11, 2018, the BOP released a Change Notice to Program Statement 5200.04. Transgender Offender Manual. The program statement alters consideration for one’s initial housing facility to be based on biological sex, rather than gender identity. The National Center for Transgender Equality stated that the edits are “in direct defiance of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, which mandates prison officials must screen all individuals at admission and upon transfer to assess their risk of experiencing abuse.” and are a “direct threat to the safety of transgender people in our nation’s prisons.”

Communications Changes

After additional restrictions to book access gained the attention of prison advocates and the media, the BOP revoked the additional restrictions and the 30% price markup that five facilities/complexes had imposed. While these restrictions have been lifted, CorrLinks policies restricting any two incarcerated persons from having the same people on their email lists have not been changed or updated. The CIC has also received reports that some facilities are restricting phone and visitation contact lists in the same manner, prohibiting two incarcerated persons (even if related) from sharing same contacts.
Locating Incarcerated DC Residents in BOP
The CIC has heard from attorneys and service providers regarding clients who have been moved from DOC facilities and are not showing up on the BOP inmate locator. It says, “Not in BOP Custody”, even though it shows a projected release date for the time they are serving for a conviction or parole/supervised release violation. The CIC has located a handful of incarcerated persons who have been moved from the DOC to Virginia regional jails, Piedmont and Northern Neck. While the BOP does not have contracts directly with these facilities, the US Marshal Service (USMS) - the agency that transports those in BOP custody – does. The transfers to these and other Virginia regional jails have occurred for years, and the use of these facilities for prolonged stays (more than a few days) has ebbed and flowed over time. There are also federal pretrial detainees who were in the DOC who have been recently moved to VA regional jails. (See below.) The biggest concern expressed is that District residents are being sent far from family and legal counsel, being deprived of access to both, with people in DC having no information or notice of where they are.

ICE Detainees Held in BOP Prison Facilities
On Thursday, June 7, 2018, Reuters reported the transfer of about 1,600 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees to five federal prisons including Victorville FCC Victorville, comprised of high security and medium security facilities as well as a minimum security camp in California. An ICE spokesperson confirmed the transfer of 1,000 detainees to FCC Victorville. The LA Times reports prison workers protested outside the Federal Correctional Complex against "the unsafe conditions that have been exacerbated by the recent transfer of hundreds of immigration detainees to the facility." An incarcerated individual at USP Victorville reported that the USP Victorville visitation room was being used to house some of the detainees. There were also reports of chickenpox and scabies outbreaks amongst this new population at the Complex. American Federation of Government Employees Local 3969 Vice President Jon Zumkehr stated, "We haven't got any more medical staff, and that's a big problem to us. We want to ensure that we can provide for everyone that we have at the facility."
Visit to USP Beaumont on October 6, 2017
On October 6, 2017, Corrections Information Council (CIC) Board Chair Charles Thornton, CIC Director Michelle Bonner, and Brian Ferguson, Director of Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizen Affairs, visited USP Beaumont, where there are 49 incarcerated DC men. Fourteen men chose to speak with the DC visitors after the DC delegation's tour of the facility. Acting Complex Warden and other leadership staff led a tour of USP Beaumont and the areas within it that were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

USP Atwater Inspection Highlights
CIC staff visited USP Atwater, CA, where there were 30 DC men at the time of our April 11-12, 2018 inspection. A highlight of this visit was the Reintegration Housing Unit (RHU), a unit for those in protective custody as an alternative to limited restrictive housing options for those who feel unsafe in general population. Also, the facility has been known to mandate Financial Responsibility Program (FRP, payment plan of court fines, fees, and restitution) payments of more than $25 per quarter. While permitted by BOP policy, requiring inmates to pay upwards of $85/month or more reportedly been financially debilitating to incarcerated men and their families.
Violence and Staff Shortage at FCC Hazelton

The CIC learned of the death of an incarcerated DC man at USP Hazelton on Monday, September 17. He was reportedly killed by another inmate. This is the second inmate death at USP Hazelton this year. The other decedent was also from DC; he died in April 2018. The CIC will have conducted an emergency visit to USP Hazelton, WV, on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, to check on the safety and security of other DC men incarcerated at this facility.

The CIC also learned of two allegations of excessive use of force by corrections officers against incarcerated DC men in FCI Hazelton secure housing unit in September 2018. The CIC also received reports of staff augmentation (non-security staff performing security staff duties) due to staffing shortages at FCC Hazelton. Throughout the fiscal year, the CIC had also heard of frequent lockdowns of all facilities on the Complex, including the Secure Female Facility (SFF), even when incidents occurred only in the high facility male facility. This inhibited programming throughout the Complex.
CIC –
Activities and Events
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CIC Holiday Postcard Writing Initiative
For a second year in a row, the CIC, with help from numerous volunteers, sent holiday postcards to over 4,000 District residents incarcerated in BOP prison facilities across the country. This year, the postcard images were of famous DC landmarks, including Ben's Chili Bowl, Frederick Douglass House, the Big Chair, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. There were holiday postcard writing events at the following locations:
• Mayor's Office of Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA) Office of Neighborhood and Safety Engagement (ONSE) One Judiciary Square
• Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
• The Raben Group
• The Wilson Building

The CIC is grateful for all of the staff at these offices who facilitated these events and thanks everyone who took the time to handwrite encouraging messages to incarcerated DC women and men during the holiday season.

Crossroads Radio Show
CIC Executive Director Michelle Bonner and Jamie Rodriguez, Chief, Community Defender Division, DC Public Defender Service (PDS), were guest on the "Crossroads" radio show on November 27, 2017. The topic: DC CORRECTIONS/US PAROLE COMMISSION ISSUES: DC PAROLE BOARD NEEDS TO BE REACTIVATED.

CIC Board Chair Charles Thornton and CIC Executive Director Michelle Bonner where also guests on "Crossroads", the radio show hosted by Roach Brown on WPFW 89.5, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 10am.
CIC Open Meetings
The CIC held open meetings on the first week of the first month of each quarter, with an exception for unforeseen circumstances in September;
• Tuesday, March 13, 2018
• Thursday, June 7, 2018
• Monday, September 17, 2018

2018 DC Prisoner and Reentry Symposium: Envisioning a New Jail
The Corrections Information Council (CIC) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) collaborated to hold the 2018 DC Prisoner and Reentry Symposium: Envisioning a New Jail, to provide information to the community and criminal justice stakeholders who will later be actively engaged in the discussion and planning around a new jail for the District of Columbia.

The CIC and PDS brought together criminal justice experts from the District, other jurisdictions, and policy organizations to help attendees envision what a process towards a new correctional facility for the District would look like. The areas covered included:
Alternatives to Incarceration, by Vera Institute of Justice and Defender Association of Philadelphia;
Design, by Franklin County (Columbus), OH, and Richmond City Justice Center;
Programming, by Georgetown University, Arlington County Detention Center, and DC Department of Corrections;
Funding, by Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and DC Fiscal Policy Institute; and A closer look at a development in progress, with Franklin County, OH, and DC Department of Corrections. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton also addressed the audience.
Public Testimony
In addition to annual performance and budget hearing testimony, the CIC has begun testifying and providing information to the Council on issues affecting those incarcerated. In FY 18, the CIC testified before the Education Committee on incarcerated 18-21 year olds entitled to special education services under IDEA. The CIC also voluntarily testified before Judiciary Committee on the Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act, providing information on rehabilitative programming available to incarcerated young adults. After consulting with Drug Policy Alliance, the CIC testified before a joint hearing of the Judiciary and Health Committees on correctional response to opioid use. The CIC also testified before the DC Council's Committee on Education, the CIC participated in Councilmember Grosso's Interagency Working Group on Students in the Care of the District of Columbia, and provided information to decision-makers regarding access to special education and related services for eligible 18-22 year olds in BOP and DOC custody.

Info Sheets
In addition to inspection reports, the CIC also releases relevant information regarding DC incarcerated resident concerns in the form of CIC Info Sheets. These info sheets serve to be a quick read with references to corrections policies and updates affecting those incarcerated in DC and BOP facilities.

The CIC was made aware of additional restrictions beyond the BOP Incoming Publications statement being made at USP Atwater, FCI Dublin, FCC Colman, and FCC Victorville. Two major changes made among these facilities and correctional complexes include: no longer being able to receive books from “publisher, bookstore, book club, or friends and family;” and having to pay "retail price plus 30% mark up plus shipping cost (if applicable).” After public outcry and information from the CIC and others, the BOP rescinded these policy changes.

The CIC has published an Info Sheet on Home Confinement, outlining steps from initial request for home confinement to approval. This Info Sheet has been reviewed by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff prior to dissemination.
CIC – Operations
Prior to the reestablishment of the CIC in 2012, two previous Boards were appointed in 2002 and 2004. In 2002, the Board was composed of Harold S. Russell (Chair), Chester Hart, and the late Ginny Spevak. In 2004, the Board was composed of Ronald E. Hampton (Chair), Linda Jo Smith, and John D. McDowell. No Board was appointed between 2005 and 2012.


In FY 2017, the CIC statute was modified to increase the governing board from 3 to 5 members, increasing the Mayor’s nominations to 3 members and Council nominations to 2 members. In December 2017, Calvin Woodland Jr., was sworn in as the Mayor’s third appointee to the CIC Board. In August 2018, Nkechi Taifa was nominated to fill the second Council-appointed position on the CIC Board. It is anticipated that she will be sworn in during fiscal year 2019.
For FY 2018, CIC staff consisted of:

- Michelle Bonner, Executive Director (Nov. 2015-Nov. 2018);
- Sheila Walker, Clerical Assistant (Nov. 2015-present);
- Laura de las Casas, Senior Program Analyst & Liaison (Apr. 2016-present);
- Kendra Van de Water, Program Analyst (Aug. 2017-July 2018);
- Rebekah Joab, Georgetown University Law Center Fellow and Program Analyst (Oct. 2, 2017 – present);
- Mabel Tejada, Communications Specialist (Jan. 8, 2018 – present);
- Nicole Ukaegbu, Program Analyst (May 16, 2018 – present);
- Chrisiant Bracken, Program Analyst (Sept. 4, 2018 – present).

The CIC also employed the services of undergraduate interns from The Washington Center throughout the year. These interns participated in research, writing, and local inspections. FY 2018 TWC Interns were:

- Fall 2017 - Shaylyn Ferrer and Jillian Wintle;
- Spring 2018 - Ashley French and Eric Malloy;
- Summer 2018 - Heather Baker and Ashley Kumar;
- Fall 2018 - Samantha Kramer and Justin Penik.

Thank you to all of the CIC staff and interns for all of their hard work during fiscal year 2018.
In early 2016, then staff of the CIC (3 persons), moved from the desk bank of the 5th floor of the Wilson Building to ground floor space in the Greater Washington Urban League Building, at 2901 14th St NW. This space consisted of two rooms and a hallway, with about 625 square feet of usable space.

By December 2015, the CIC had become an independent agency with three additional staff and two interns. By then, the small office space in Columbia Heights had become too small to accommodate 8-10 full-time persons at one time. Since this time, the CIC has advocated before the Mayor’s Office and the DC Council to move to larger office space.

The DC statute governing the CIC states that “the Mayor shall provide the CIC with adequate office space.” This is accommodated through the DC Department of General Services (DGS). Staff of DGS identified about 3300 square feet of office space in a privately owned building at 1400 I St NW. The Office of Police Complaints is also located in this building. The CIC is scheduled to move into this new space by March 2019.

Meanwhile, there was a plumbing emergency on August 27, 2018, when a pipe burst and flooded three floors of the GWUL building, including the CIC office space. Staff at DGS identified temporary space in the Judiciary Square government building, Suite 270 North of 441 4th St NW. Michelle Bonner and Sheila Walker of the CIC managed to hire office and computer equipment movers, as well as IT professionals for computer wiring, to move the CIC into the space and make it functional for CIC staff. It is expected that the CIC will operate out of Judiciary Square until it moves into its new space at 1400 I St NW in 2019.
CIC – FY 2018 Actual Budget

Local Funds = $588,314

- Personal Service = $529,546
- Travel - Out of Town = $26,435
- Professional Services = $9,221
- Office Supplies = $6,609
- Office Support = $8,745
- Tuition - Employee Training = $125
- Printing/Duplication = $2,266
- Conference Fees = $1,869
- Travel - In town = $1,330
- Professional Dues = $1,262
- Postage = $731
- Telephone = $175

Grant/Donations = $21,939

- Georgetown University Law Center Legal Fellowship = $20,000
- Donation-Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church = $1,939
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