



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2017 Budget Request

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

+\$164 Million in Program Increases

FY 2017 Overview

The Justice Department's mission and responsibility is to investigate and prosecute those who break federal laws. Continued investments to uphold its commitments are needed to strengthen the department's ability to protect the health and well-being of our nation's citizens, and have the flexibility to address threats as they emerge. Simply maintaining existing law enforcement capacity is not sufficient to meet the demands of this commitment. For FY 2017, the department requests \$164.2 million in additional investments to address the threats of violent crime and illicit drugs, and to strengthen the litigating divisions of the department.

The Budget supports significant investments that focus on combatting violent crime in the U.S. and support the President's initiatives on reducing gun violence. The request includes funding to enhance the enforcement of existing federal firearms laws and expand the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) regulatory capacity. Funding is also requested for additional advancements in capacity, efficiency, and production of firearms tracing and all aspects of National Firearms Act (NFA) application processing; as well as enhancements to the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). Funding is also requested for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to maintain FY 2016 investments in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The investments to combat violent crime also include resources for the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to support hiring of additional Deputy U.S. Marshals, creation of a new Regional Fugitive Task Force to apprehend violent fugitives, and improvements to Deputy U.S. Marshal life and safety equipment. The U.S. Marshals serve on the front lines in bringing in the most dangerous fugitives endangering our communities and neighborhoods today.

The President's Budget provides critical resources to counteract increased availability and abuse of heroin. Resources are requested for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to establish additional Heroin Enforcement Groups. The department's request also provides increases to thwart international drug trafficking and to support high priority prosecutions against drug trafficking organizations along the Southwest Border. Funding is also requested to disrupt and dismantle priority transnational criminal organizations.

The department's request also invests funding in litigating divisions to enforce laws that address economic competition, animal welfare, immigration, and to ensure public safety. The department seeks to improve the Antitrust Division's ability to promote economic competition, strengthen the Environment and Natural Resources Division's ability to enforce animal welfare

laws through the development of a new animal welfare enforcement program, augment the Civil Division's immigration litigation capabilities, and to provide security services at U.S. Trustee meetings.

FY 2017 Program Increases

Reducing Gun Violence

In FY 2017, the department is requesting \$89 million in additional resources to support the President's gun safety initiatives and to protect our communities from gun violence.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

- **Enforcement, Inspection, and Regulatory Support: \$36 million and 200 Positions**
Funding for an additional 80 ATF special agents and 120 industry operations investigators. The ATF Special Agents will work to enforce existing federal firearms laws, take violent criminals off the street, prevent firearms from getting into the wrong hands, and enhance ATF's ability to perform its regulatory duties. Industry Operations Investigators (IOIs) will carry out investigations and regulatory enforcement on federal firearms licensees. Current services for this initiative are 4,250 positions (2,112 agents) and \$1,043.0 million.
- **National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN): \$4 million and 8 Positions**
Funding to enhance functions associated with the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). Funding supports additional personnel and upgrades a portion of ATF's ballistic imaging hardware and software. Current services for this initiative are 27 positions and \$32.2 million.
- **Industry Support: \$6 million and 22 Positions**
Funding to increase support for processing Federal Firearms Licenses (FFL) and Federal Explosives Licenses (FEL), to support processing of National Firearms Act (NFA) applications, and support for the continued expansion of the use of gun trace data by ATF and other federal, state, and local law enforcement. Current services for this program are 184 positions and \$65.4 million.
- **Next Generation Case Management System (NGCMS): \$9 million and 0 Positions**
Funding for the implementation of the Next Generation Case Management system. The new system will allow ATF to fully access, share, and exploit information and intelligence currently contained in ATF's disparate case management systems.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

- **National Instant Criminal Background Check System: \$35 million and 0 Positions**
The request will sustain investments made in FY 2016 to enable the FBI to keep pace with increases in the volume of firearms background checks. Current services for this initiative are 668 positions and \$86.1 million.

Combatting Violent Crime

In FY 2017, the department is requesting \$39 million in additional resources to support federal, state, and local efforts to apprehend violent fugitives and pursue transnational criminal organizations that pose the greatest threat to U.S. national security.

U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)

- **Enforcement Operations: \$11 million and 60 Positions**
Funds are requested to establish one new Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF). Fugitive task forces arrest the most violent offenders while ensuring the safety of the community. RFTFs employ full-time fugitive investigators that provide equipment, financial and electronic surveillance, foreign field office support and training that would not otherwise be available to the districts. Current services for this initiative are 212 positions (172 agents) and \$71.3 million.
- **Violent Fugitive Apprehension: \$10 million**
Funds are requested to backfill approximately 58 existing unfunded Deputy U.S. Marshals (DUSM) positions that focus on the apprehension of violent fugitives in judicial districts not served by a RFTF. By increasing the number of DUSMs in the field, the USMS will decrease the number of violent offenders on the street and reduce the threat they pose to local communities. Current Services for this initiative are 1,744 positions (1,301 agents) and \$411.3 million.
- **USMS Deputy U.S. Marshal Life and Safety: \$10 million (non-personnel)**
This funding will replace body armor, radios, fleet vehicles, light armored vehicles, and electronic surveillance equipment; and support the USMS' Special Operations Group's (SOG) annual selection, specialty and mandatory recertification training, and related equipment. This funding will restore base funding for annual replacement of Deputy U.S. Marshal life and safety equipment. Funding will also ensure that SOG members maintain the necessary skills to provide tactical support to increase officer safety and maximize efficiency when handling high-risk operations. There are no current services for this initiative.

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)

- **Transnational Organized Crime (TOC): \$7 million (non-personnel)**
The requested funding will augment existing information technology (IT) systems to create a consolidated Transnational Organized Criminal (TOC) Watchlist and to

formalize the TOC screening processes. FY 2017 current services for this initiative are 184 positions (14 agents) and \$83.7 million

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)

- **Priority Transnational Organized Crime (TOC): \$2 million**
OCDETF will use the requested operations funding to disrupt and dismantle recognized high value priority TOC targets such as those included in the Administration's Top International Criminal Organizations Target (TICOT) list. To support these efforts against transnational criminal organizations, OCDETF seeks funding for investigation and prosecutorial costs associated with such cases, including the purchase of evidence and purchase of information.

Targeting Drug Trafficking

In FY 2017, the department is requesting \$17 million in additional resources to respond to the recent increase in heroin abuse and support increased prosecution of drug trafficking organizations along the Southwest Border.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

- **Heroin Enforcement: \$12 million and 42 Positions**
Requested funding will create four new enforcement groups, including support personnel and operational funding, to counteract growing heroin abuse in the United States. There are no dedicated current services for heroin enforcement groups in FY 2017.

Interagency Crime Drug Enforcement (ICDE)

- **Priority Co-Located Strike Forces/Southwest Border: \$4 million and 36 Positions**
The requested funding will support OCDETF's efforts to dismantle the sophisticated transnational criminal organizations moving drugs, guns, and illicit drug proceeds across the Southwest Border of the United States pursuant to the department's Southwest Border Drug Strategy. This initiative seeks to increase attorney and support staff resources in these key U.S. Attorneys' Offices to address the growing volume and complexity of Southwest Border OCDETF drug and firearms trafficking cases. Current services for this program are 116 positions (116 attorneys) and \$28.4 million.
- **OCDETF Transnational Drug Prosecutions: \$400,000 and 4 Positions**
The requested funding will support the growing number of OCDETF cases handled by the Criminal Division's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS). Doubling the number of OCDETF-funded trial attorneys and adding a support staff position, NDDS would be able to expand its significant caseload and better organize, monitor, report, coordinate, and de-conflict the information required to fully participate and comply with the OCDETF Program requirements. Current services for this program are 3 positions (3 attorneys) and \$475,000.

Enhancing Litigating Capabilities

In FY 2017, the department is requesting \$20 million in additional resources to support greater enforcement of federal animal welfare and immigration laws, promote economic competition, and improve security at bankruptcy meetings.

Antitrust Division (ATR)

- **Promoting Competition: \$15 million and 152 Positions**

The department is requesting additional resources to address the increase in workload for ATR in both its civil merger enforcement and criminal cartel enforcement programs. With merger and cartel enforcement work expected to increase in FY 2016 and FY 2017, the requested program enhancement will help meet the challenges presented by this increased activity and enable the Division to continue protecting American consumers from anticompetitive merger deals and domestic and international cartels that harm U.S. consumers and businesses. The current services for this initiative are 830 positions (380 attorneys) and \$165.5 million.

U.S. Trustee Program (USTP)

- **Section 341 Meeting Room Security: \$2 million**

The funds will provide security services at non-secure bankruptcy meeting room sites. Section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code requires the U.S. Trustee to convene a meeting of creditors in every bankruptcy case. At the Section 341 meeting, the debtor must appear and answer questions under oath from the U.S. Trustee, any trustee appointed in the case, creditors, and other interested parties regarding the administration of the bankruptcy estate and the debtor's liabilities and financial condition. These meetings are open to the general public. While the USTP acquires space for these meeting rooms in secured locations when possible, over 100 meeting rooms are currently situated at non-secure sites. Because of their nature, Section 341 meetings may be contentious, and the increased safety and security risk at the non-secure locations warrants the adoption of appropriate security measures. Current services for this program are 0 positions and \$20,000.

Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)

- **Ensuring the Welfare of Animals in the United States: \$1 million and 3 Positions**

In recent years, the department has taken a greater leadership role in enforcing federal animal welfare laws. To best enforce violations of these important federal statutes, additional resources are requested to support ENRD's efforts to develop its new animal welfare enforcement program, following a recent delegation of enforcement authorities to the Division. ENRD will build capacity among federal law enforcement and legal communities, create various training programs and toolkits, and conduct outreach to legal partners. There are no current services for this initiative.

Civil Division (CIV)

- **Immigration Litigation: \$1 million and 7 positions**

The Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation represents the United States in federal district courts in matters involving the Immigration and Nationality Act. Recently, this office has seen an increase in highly-specialized National Security cases and Labor & Employment cases. National Security cases include denaturalization cases for people who misrepresented their identity or criminal background information to receive naturalization, or are tied to terrorism. Labor & Employment cases include challenges to federal foreign worker programs by worker groups and unions. The Office of Immigration Litigation is currently handling several large, high-profile employment-based immigration programmatic challenges. The Civil Division requires additional attorneys to keep pace with these cases. FY 2017 current services for the Office of Immigration Litigation, which includes the District Court Section, are 414 positions (315 attorneys) and \$69.6 million.

FY 2017 Program Increases Summary
(Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Component	Positions	Agts/ Attys	Amount
Reducing Gun Violence				
Inspection and Regulatory Support	ATF	200	80	\$35,585
National Integrated Ballistics Information Network	ATF	8	0	4,000
Industry Support	ATF	22	0	5,673
Next Generation Case Management System	ATF	0	0	9,048
National Instant Criminal Background Check System	FBI	0	0	35,000
Subtotal, Reducing Gun Violence		230	80	\$89,306
Combatting Violent Crime				
Enforcement Operations	USMS	60	54	\$10,980
Violent Fugitive Apprehension	USMS	[58]	[58]	10,000
USMS Deputy U.S. Marshal Life and Safety	USMS	0	0	10,037
Transnational Organized Crime	FBI	0	0	6,779
Priority Transnational Organized Crime	OCDETF	0	0	1,500
Subtotal, Combatting Violent Crime		60	54	\$39,296
Targeting Drug Trafficking				
Heroin Enforcement	DEA	42	32	\$12,483
Priority Co-Located Strike Forces/Southwest Border	OCDETF	[36]	[24]	3,793
OCDETF Transnational Drug Prosecutions	OCDETF	[4]	[3]	436
Subtotal, Targeting Drug Trafficking		42	32	\$16,712
Enhancing Litigating Capabilities				
Promoting Competition	ATR	152	98	\$15,000
Section 341 Meeting Room Security	USTP	0	0	2,135
Ensuring the Welfare of Animals in the United States	ENRD	3	2	1,000
Immigration Litigation	CIV	7	7	729
Subtotal, Enhancing Litigating Capabilities		162	107	\$18,864
Total, Program Increases		494	273	\$164,178