



Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2018 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,379.0 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority) +\$105.4 (Indefinite Authority)
Program Changes:	+\$1.0 million (Discretionary Authority) -\$104.1 million (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2018 Budget Request:	\$21.5 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,380.0 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Change From FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	+\$1.0 million (+4.9%) (Discretionary Authority) +\$1.3 million (+0.1%) million (Indefinite Authority)

Mission:

The AFP touches every federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agency in the country and the related cases are handled by all 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division. Through joint partnerships among law enforcement at all levels, the AFP mission is to use asset forfeiture consistently and strategically in order to deter, disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises by depriving wrongdoers of the fruits and instrumentalities of criminal activity. Whenever possible, the program seeks to restore property to innocent victims of criminal fraud schemes.

Resources:

All AFP funding is provided from the proceeds of forfeitures, which are deposited into the Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF). \$1,380.0 million is designated as mandatory and will be used to compensate victims and other innocent third parties, share resources with state and local partners, and support state and local law enforcement participation in joint federal law enforcement operations. Of the resources available to AFP, \$21.5 million is discretionary and is used for certain non-forfeiture related activities. An additional \$304 million is proposed for permanent cancellation in FY 2018.

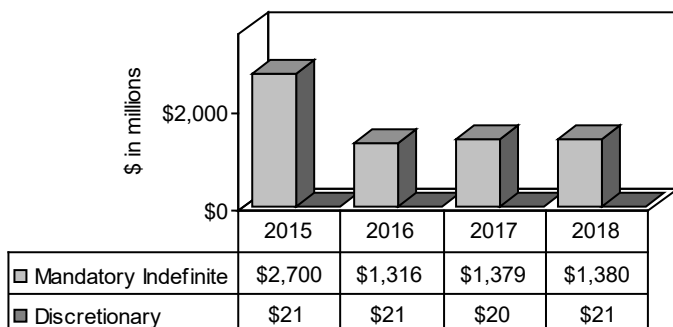
Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS) is located in Washington, DC, and is responsible for the administrative management and operational functions of the AFP including review and evaluation of all AFP activities, and budgeting, financial management, and contracting operations related to the fund. Participating agencies of the AFP include the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorneys, Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, and several other federal law enforcement agencies. Allocation recommendations are forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General by AFMS through the Justice Management Division.

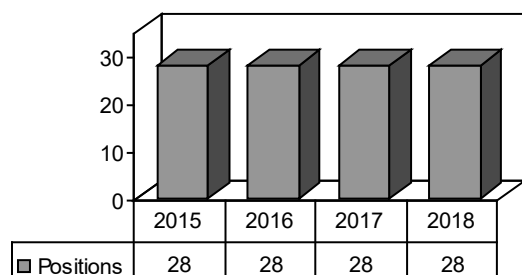
Personnel:

AFMS has 28 personnel funded through the AFP. An additional 444 government positions dedicated to forfeiture-related activities within other components are funded through the AFP.

Funding (FY 2015 - 2018)



Personnel (FY 2015 - 2018)



FY 2018 Strategy:

In FY 2018, the Department's forfeiture program will play a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims.

The AFP directly supports state and local law enforcement participation in joint federal law enforcement operations to provide a key force multiplier in targeting violent crime, including gang activities, organized crime, illegal drug activities, gun violence, and fugitive apprehensions. Annually, approximately 7,000 state and local law enforcement agencies receive AFF support to help compensate them for their joint efforts with federal task force operations. This includes reimbursement for overtime, as well as equipment, such as vehicles and protective gear to enhance officer safety and the effectiveness of these joint operations.

Whenever possible, the program seeks to restore property to innocent victims of criminal fraud schemes. Since 2000, DOJ has returned over \$4 billion in assets to victims of financial fraud and theft. Payments to help compensate victims and other innocent third parties directly correlate with forfeitures where those parties have suffered financial loss. Over the last 10 years, victims payments represent 38 percent of all AFP expenses.

The AFP faces a number of challenges, both internal and external. For example, the total value of assets seized has declined significantly in the last 10 months. This drop in regular deposits has made the Program increasingly reliant on sporadic and unpredictable revenues from large forfeiture cases to cover normal operating expenses. To put this in perspective, five large case settlements accounted for roughly 50 percent of all asset forfeiture revenue during the past five years. With this in mind, AFMS is working with partner agencies to align the Program's "core" annualized program expenses to a level that can be more fully supported by predictable "normal" case receipts. The Program is evolving towards a more agile AFF budget execution model in order to make strategic reductions, and investments, that preserve the program-sustaining forfeiture revenue into the AFF.

In recent years, the Program has focused increasing attention on building technical and operational capacity to investigate complex economic crime. The globalization of economic and financial systems, the rapidly changing nature of technology, and the growing sophistication of criminal organizations have increased the prevalence of economic crime. When foreign governments, terrorists, or well-established international criminals are involved, the investigative techniques often require specialist teams, as well as analytical tools and methods to evaluate many variations of highly complex, technical, and data-intensive crimes. The Program funds traditional infrastructure and operational needs while also investing in new techniques that expand asset forfeiture's impact.

FY 2018 Program Changes:

Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)

Balances Precluded from Obligation: -\$104.1 million and 0 positions

Current FY 2018 estimates for AFP mandatory expenses are \$104.1 million below current services. Current services includes a \$105.4 million increase above FY 2017 levels due to the restoration of FY 2017 sequestration.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)

Asset Forfeiture Program: \$1.0 million and 0 positions

Resources will be used in support of investigative expenses funded through the Asset Forfeiture Program. Investigative expenses include the purchase of evidence and information related to violations of federal laws as well as the equipping of government owned vehicles, vessels, and aircraft.

Asset Forfeiture Program Obligations

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)			Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2016 Appropriation	28	25	1,455,243	0	0	20,514	28	25	1,475,757
2016 Sequester Cut	0	0	-139,006	0	0	0	0	0	-139,006
2016 Enacted with Rescissions	28	25	1,316,237	0	0	20,514	28	25	1,336,751
2017 Continuing Resolution	28	28	1,484,153	0	0	20,514	28	28	1,504,667
2017 Sequester Cut	0	0	-105,397	0	0	0	0	0	-105,397
2017 Rescission - 0.1901%	0	0	0	0	0	-39	0	0	-39
2017 Continuing Resolution with Rescissions	28	28	1,378,756	0	0	20,475	28	28	1,399,231
2018 Request	28	28	1,380,013	0	0	21,475	28	28	1,401,488
Change 2018 from 2017 Continuing Resolution	0	0	1,257	0	0	1,000	0	0	2,257
Technical Adjustments									
Restoration of FY2017 Sequester	0	0	105,397	0	0	0	0	0	105,397
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	105,397	0	0	0	0	0	105,397
Base Adjustments									
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018 Current Services	28	28	1,484,153	0	0	20,475	28	28	1,504,628
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Asset Forfeiture Program	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Decreases:									
Balances Precluded from Obligation	0	0	-104,140	0	0	0	0	0	-104,140
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-104,140	0	0	0	0	0	-104,140
Total Program Changes	0	0	-104,140	0	0	1,000	0	0	-103,140
2018 Request	28	28	1,380,013	0	0	21,475	28	28	1,401,488

Asset Forfeiture Program Obligations
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Continuing Resolution			2018 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	28	28	1,378,756	28	28	1,484,153
AFF – Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	20,475	0	0	20,475
Total	28	28	1,399,231	28	28	1,504,628
Grand Total	28	28	1,399,231	28	28	1,504,628

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Total Program Changes			2018 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	0	0	-104,140	28	28	1,380,013
AFF – Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	1,000	0	0	21,475
Total	0	0	-103,140	28	28	1,380,013
Grand Total	0	0	-103,140	28	28	1,401,488