



## U.S. Department of Justice FY 2022 Budget Request

### Reinvigorating Civil Rights Efforts (Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	Amount
<b>Access to Justice – Establishment of Access to Justice Office</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Civil Rights Division – Responding to New and Emerging Challenges in Civil Rights</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20,661</b>
<b>Community Relations Service – Mediation and Conciliation Services for Community Conflict</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,055</b>
<b>Office of Justice Programs</b>			
Victims of Trafficking	0	0	90,000
Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense Program	0	0	40,000
Public Defender Improvement Program	0	0	25,000
Training on Racial Profiling, Duty-to-Intervene, and De-escalation	0	0	20,000
Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution Program	0	0	15,500
Legal Representation for Immigrant Children and Families Pilot	0	0	15,000
Hate Crime Prevention Act Grants	0	0	9,000
Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act Program	0	0	3,000
<b>Subtotal, Office of Justice Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>217,500</b>
<b>Office on Violence Against Women</b>			
Campus Program	0	0	40,000
National Deaf Services	0	0	10,000
Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program	0	0	5,000
Emerging Issues in Violence	0	0	5,000
Supporting Transgender Victims	0	0	2,000
<b>Subtotal, Office on Violence Against Women</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, Supporting Civil Rights and Racial Equity</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$307,216</b>

The promise of America is lost if America cannot preserve, protect, and defend the civil rights of its citizens. This fundamental truth is the foundation of the FY 2022 President’s Budget, which aims to reinvigorate Federal civil rights enforcement while also focusing on racial equities. In order to protect marginalized communities, enforce civil rights laws, and ensure all Americans have equal access to justice, the budget request includes \$307.2 million in funding for the Office for Access to Justice, the Civil Rights Division, the Community Relations Service, the Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Violence Against Women. These funds will support police reform, the prosecution of hate crimes across the Nation (including in communities uniquely impacted by bias, xenophobia, and hate driven by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis), the enforcement of voting rights, mediation and conciliation services for community conflicts arising from discriminatory practices; and other civil rights activities.

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### **Office for Access to Justice (ATJ)**

**Establishment of Access to Justice Office: \$6.0 million and 8 positions (6 attorneys)** This funding will be used for the Department to re-establish and expand the Office for Access to Justice as a stand-alone office. The ATJ will serve as the Department's legal and policy advisor on all access to justice matters both in the criminal and civil justice systems, including the Constitutional Sixth Amendment rights to counsel. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

### **Civil Rights Division (CRT)**

**Responding to New and Emerging Challenges in Civil Rights: \$20.7 million and 85 positions** This investment allows the Civil Rights Division to ensure non-discriminatory policing practices, combat discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation, uphold equal access for people with disabilities, address inequalities in education, and uphold Federal laws protecting voting rights. *Current services for this initiative: \$162.5 million and 639 positions.*

### **Community Relations Service (CRS)**

**Mediation and Conciliation Services for Community Conflict: \$1.1 million and 10 positions** Following the death in police custody of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, protests against excessive use of force by police and calls for police reform quickly spread across the country. The CRS monitored the heightened racial tensions and unrest in hundreds of cities around the country, responding to as many community leaders' requests for assistance as possible. This increase in resources will enable the CRS to respond to stakeholder requests to support peaceful protests, improve police-community relations, including with youth groups. In addition, it will strengthen the CRS's capacity to support communities across the United States working to prevent and respond to bias incidents and hate crimes, including those against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities or committed based on gender identity or sexual orientation. *Current services: \$11.0 million and 32 positions.*

### **Office of Justice Programs (OJP)**

**Victims of Trafficking: \$90.0 million (+\$5.0 million)** This President's Budget will fund additional grants supporting the development, expansion, or improvement of services for victims of human trafficking and the investigation and prosecution of trafficking offenses as part of a multidisciplinary approach. *Current services: \$85.0 million.*

**Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense: \$40.0 million (+\$37.5 million)** This significant and essential expansion of resources will protect civil rights by helping ensure fair access to justice and legal representation for indigent adults and juveniles. *Current services: \$2.5 million.*

**Public Defender Improvement Program: \$25.0 million** This is a new program to enhance efforts of public defenders to provide adequate legal representation, as guaranteed by the Constitution, and effective assistance of counsel assured under the Sixth Amendment. The program will include innovative and effective strategies to improve public defense. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

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**Training on Racial Profiling, Duty to Intervene, and De-escalation: \$20.0 million** This is a new program that will provide training curricula and resources that will help law enforcement agencies avoid actions that will contribute to racial and economic disparities in the justice system. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

**Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution Program: \$15.5 million** This program provides funding to State and local governments and federally recognized Tribes for demonstration projects within confinement settings to prevent and eliminate prisoner rape between inmates in State and local prisons, jails, juvenile facilities, police lockup and other temporary holding facilities, and tribal detention facilities. *Current services: \$15.5 million.*

**Legal Representation for Immigrant Children and Families Pilot: \$15.0 million** This funding supports the establishment of a new pilot program that will enhance legal representation of immigrant children and families who seek asylum and other forms of legal protection in the United States after entering at the borders, with a focus on geographic locations where there is current or increasing needs. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

**Hate Crime Prevention Act Grants: \$9.0 million (+\$4.0 million)** This funding will nearly double this valuable program to provide training and technical assistance to build the capacity of State, local, and tribal law enforcement to respond to and investigate hate- and bias-motivated crimes. The program also will provide resources to non-profit organizations to support outreach efforts to communities affected by hate crimes. *Current services: \$5.0 million.*

**Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act Program: \$3.0 million (+\$1.0 million)** This funding supports the expansion of investigations and prosecutions of civil rights cold cases under the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act. *Current services: \$2.0 million.*

### **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

**Campus Program: \$40.0 million (+\$20.0 million)** Additional funding requested will double this program to strengthen colleges' and universities' responses to domestic and sexual violence and stalking. While Campus Violence is not a new program, this requested set-aside is new, which will provide \$20.0 million for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving institutions, and tribal colleges. These institutions play a critical role in expanding educational opportunities for diverse student populations and frequently impact the broader communities in which they reside. *Current services: \$20.0 million.*

**National Deaf Services Line: \$10.0 million** Services specifically targeted for deaf victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are limited; only 21 "for Deaf, by Deaf" victims service programs exist nationwide. The result is that most deaf victims must rely on mainstream services providers for assistance, which may not be well-versed in deaf culture, do not provide appropriate accommodations, and have little experience accessing and working with American Sign Language interpreters. In 2019, the OVW commissioned a report on the state of services for deaf victims and recommendations for ways in which to meet the gaps identified. This request will enable the OVW to fund a five-year project to launch and maintain a national deaf

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services line, which will provide virtual services to deaf victims of all four crimes under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), provide technical assistance to victim service providers working with deaf victims, and pilot strategies to expand “for Deaf, by Deaf” in-person services. *There are no current services for this request.*

**Community-Based Organizational Capacity Building Program: \$5.0 million** This new funding would provide capacity building support for community-based organizations (culturally specific, underserved, and other programs serving marginalized populations) to receive training and technical assistance necessary to apply for and successfully implement Federal grant awards. Existing OVW programs provide training and technical assistance to support service provision capacity but do not address the often-confusing world of Federal regulations and record-keeping requirements for organizations accustomed to receiving private donations and support from local religious institutions. This will provide enhanced capacity to apply for grants, administer grant funds, avoid audit findings, and provide ongoing services to their communities. *There are no current services for this request.*

**Emerging Issues in Violence Against Women: \$5.0 million** These funds will be used to design and implement new demonstration initiatives and other special projects that address emerging trends and unmet needs relating to gender-based violence. The OVW’s current funding structure limits its flexibility to fund pilot projects, address unique or emerging issues, or explore promising practices, as VAWA-authorized grant programs are highly directive in terms of eligible entities, statutory purpose areas, target populations, and other requirements. *There are no current services for this request.*

**Supporting Transgender Victims: \$2.0 million** These funds will be used to establish programs to support greater outreach to, and services for, transgender victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Transgender individuals suffer high levels of violent victimization and are at a much greater risk of dying by suicide than are cisgender individuals. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals, and in particular, lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons of color and transgender persons of all races, may be reluctant to report victimization and seek services for fear of discrimination, and because biases and lack of knowledge compromise the quality and utility of the system’s response. Service providers may be unprepared to offer sensitive and appropriate services to LGBT victims of violence; in fact, only an estimated one in five LGBT victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault seek help from a victim services organization. The funding requested for services for transgender survivors will broaden the OVW’s reach to this population that is disproportionately affected by violence and faces greater barriers to safety and justice. *There are no current services for this request.*