



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2019 Budget Request

RESTRUCTURING INITIATIVES

FY 2019 Overview

The President's Administration is committed to his vision of a smaller, leaner federal government that reduces bureaucracy and costs the American taxpayer less. Since 2017, the Department of Justice has remained nearly flat while undertaking efforts to refocus resources on investigators and prosecutors instead of Washington-based and regional bureaucracies and turn our efforts back to our core mission. To support the President's Executive Order 13781 on reorganizing the Executive Branch, the Department of Justice has begun taking steps to streamline itself and to save taxpayer dollars. As part of the FY 2019 President's Budget, the Department is proposing a number of initiatives to achieve savings, to reduce the size of government, and maximize agency performance.

Highlights

The following represent key aspects of the Department of Justice's restructuring initiatives.

Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement: As part of the Administration's reorganization plans, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)'s responsibilities related to alcohol and tobacco enforcement will be transferred to the Department of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. ATF will retain its current enforcement responsibilities for firearms and explosives: the transfer will focus ATF resources on its violent crime role. As part of that focus, ATF will pursue a workforce refresh effort, leveraging attrition from its retirement-eligible workforce to invigorate a cadre of agents to work on ATF's violent crime initiatives.

Bureau of Prisons: The Federal prison system will save over \$122 million by reducing positions to historical inmate-to-staff ratios, closing two regional offices, and closing two stand-alone minimum security prison camps.

Grants (\$8.5 million in Savings, reduction of 213 positions): Beginning in FY 2018, the Department will merge administrative support and certain grant management staff for the three DOJ grants offices. This will create an efficiency of 213 positions by the end of FY 2019. These grants benefit our state and local partners who are on the front lines fighting crime and battling the opioid addiction crisis. The Department plans to build one grants management system to streamline the grants process. As part of this effort, the Department will consolidate the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) into the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: The President's Budget streamlines the HIDTA grant program by transferring it from the Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to the Department of Justice, which handles both law enforcement and associated grants. This change will reduce redundancies in federal organizations by collocating this grant program, which supports states and communities fighting the scourge of illegal drugs, with the same agency (the Drug Enforcement Administration) that is leading the effort in those communities.

Community Relations Service (\$15 million in Savings, reduction of 54 positions): The Community Relations Service (CRS) has an inefficient regional structure. Therefore, the Department is proposing to transfer the Service to the Civil Rights Division to perform the community mediation work more efficiently and at a greater savings to taxpayers.