



U.S. Parole Commission (USPC)

FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2015 Enacted:	\$13.3 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$239,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$13.5 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$239,000 (+1.8%)

Mission:

The mission of the USPC is to promote public safety and strive for justice and fairness in the exercise of its authority to release and supervise offenders under its jurisdiction. USPC has jurisdiction over federal offenders who committed offenses before November 1, 1987; all District of Columbia offenders; Uniform Code of Military Justice offenders who are in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons; Transfer Treaty cases (United States citizens convicted in foreign countries, who have elected to serve their sentence in this country); and state probationers and Parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program. USPC renders decisions on National Appeals Board cases and decides action on supervision, parole, or return to custody cases under its jurisdiction. Unless reauthorized, USPC will sunset on November 1, 2018.

Organization:

USPC is managed by the USPC Chairman who, along with four other commissioners, is appointed by the President with the advice of the Senate. All USPC offices and staff are located in the District of Columbia. The staff carries out the USPC's operations and support functions.

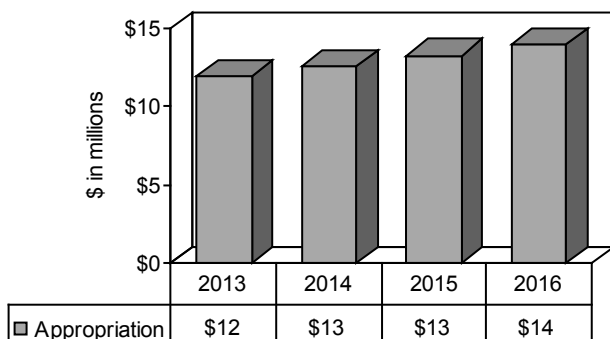
Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for USPC totals \$13.5 million, which is a 1.8% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted.

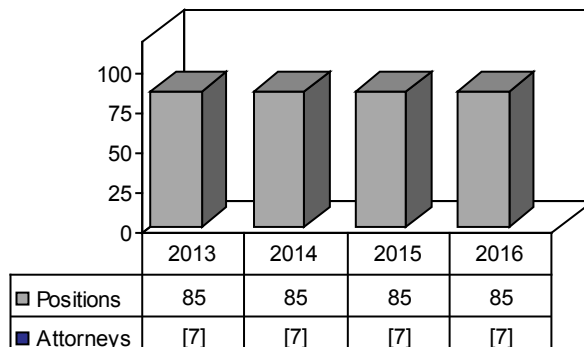
Personnel:

The USPC's direct positions for FY 2016 total 85 positions and are the same as FY 2015 Enacted.

Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)



Personnel (FY 2013 - FY 2016)



FY 2016 Strategy:

The FY 2016 strategy maintains the Commission's focus on returning low-risk non-violent offenders to parole or supervised release rather than prison when possible. However, USPC will continue to issue warrants for those that willfully violate the conditions of their release and for those with the most egregious behavior (typically tied to violence, child abuse, sex offenses, etc.). This approach keeps communities safe while returning low-risk offenders back to the community in a timely and cost efficient manner.

At the end of fiscal year 2014, the Parole Commission's total prisoner and parolee population was 17,118. The D.C. population under the Parole Commission's jurisdiction was 14,717, including 6,820 prisoners and 7,897 parolees and supervised releases. The remaining 2,401 individuals consist of federal offenders (including federal prisoners, parolees, transfer treaty, and military justice offenders) and state probationers and parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program.

The USPC is supportive of the Attorney General's "Smart on Crime" initiative. The FY 2016 budget will allow the USPC to fully fund its positions in case services, case operations, and research, thereby supporting initiatives dealing with alternatives to re-incarceration for low-risk offenders. These alternatives include the Secured Residential Treatment Program and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program in D.C. Other alternatives include expanding the Reprimand Sanction Hearings Program to increase the number of offenders referred to the USPC for violating the administrative conditions of their release. Frequent and early intervention by the USPC through the Reprimand Sanction Hearing process has improved offender compliance in the community and reduced the need for re-incarceration. Furthermore, the expansion of the mental health dockets will increase the treatment of mentally ill offenders to reduce their risk in the community, and reduce the cost of re-incarceration.

The USPC also plans to extend its Short-Term Intervention for Success pilot program, which is designed to reduce shorter periods of imprisonment for technical violators in exchange for potentially longer periods of incarceration. The pilot has lowered the re-arrest rates for those participating and has ultimately reduced overall prison costs.

FY 2016 Program Changes:

The budget request includes funds for current services for USPC. No program changes are requested.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Parole Commission		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2014 Appropriation	85	63	12,600
2015 Enacted	85	70	13,308
2016 Request	85	75	13,547
Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted	0	5	239
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	5	223
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	16
Total Base Adjustments	0	5	239
2016 Current Services	85	75	13,547
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2016 Request	85	75	13,547

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Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	85	70	13,308	85	75	13,547
Total	85	70	13,308	85	75	13,547
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	85	70	13,308	85	75	13,5474

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	0	0	0	85	75	13,547
Total	0	0	0	85	75	13,547
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	85	75	13,547