



## U.S. Parole Commission (USPC)

### FY 2013 Budget Request At A Glance

|                               |                                            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| FY 2012 Enacted:              | \$12.8 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys) |
| Current Services Adjustments: | +\$945,000                                 |
| Program Changes:              | -\$1.0 million                             |
| FY 2013 Budget Request:       | \$12.8 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys) |
| Change From FY 2012 Enacted:  | -\$61,000 (-0.5%)                          |

### Mission:

The mission of the U.S. Parole Commission (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. The 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. The USPC renders decisions on National Appeals Board cases and decides action on supervision, parole, or return to custody cases under their jurisdiction.

### Resources:

The FY 2013 budget request for USPC totals \$12.8 million, which is a 0.5% decrease from the FY 2012 Enacted.

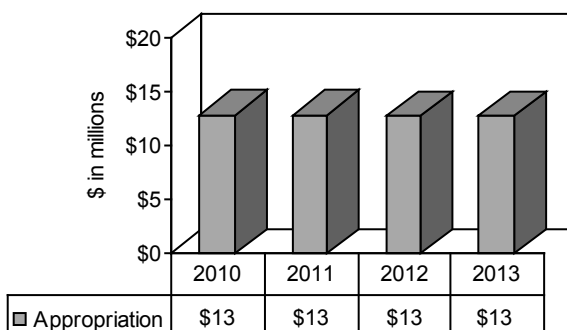
### Organization:

USPC is managed by the Commission 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 operations and support functions of the Commission.

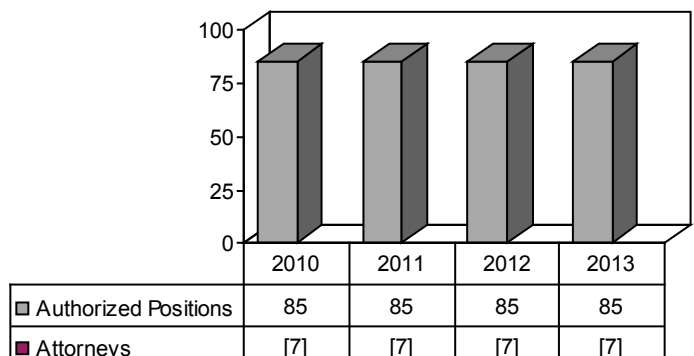
### Personnel:

The USPC's direct authorized positions for FY 2013 total 85 positions and is the same as FY 2012 Enacted.

**Funding (FY 2010 - 2013)**



**Personnel (FY 2010 - 2013)**



## **FY 2013 Strategy:**

In meeting its statutory requirements, USPC continues to face challenges that are complex and evolving. The major task before USPC is to take immediate action on violent offenders, while reducing recidivism rates for low-risk, non-violent offenders by implementing new revocation guidelines and establishing alternatives to incarceration. USPC programs key to reducing recidivism rates include:

- utilizing an appearance notice to encourage an offender under supervision in the community to appear at a revocation hearing,
- utilizing reprimand sanctions' hearings to confront an offender to address non-compliant behavior and to make a commitment to make positive behavioral changes, thus complying with the conditions of release, and
- utilizing drug treatment centers to address an offender's drug abuse problem, thereby reducing the chance of returning to prison.

The FY 2013 strategy includes a 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 productive, low-risk offenders back to the community in a timely and cost efficient manner.

USPC currently projects the total prisoner and parolee population, including District of Columbia (D.C.) supervised releases, will be 17,340 in FY 2013. The federal population is projected to be 4,600 including 2,365 prisoners, 1,900 parolees and 335 other offenders (e.g., witness security, foreign treaty and military justice offenders). The D.C. population under USPC's jurisdiction is projected to be 12,600, including 3,302 prisoners and 9,298 parolees and supervised releases.

Much of the D.C. caseload is driven by requests for warrants resulting from violations of the parole terms and conditions. In contrast to the federal system where the parole failure rate is about 20 percent, D.C. offenders have a parole failure rate of nearly 84 percent. When a warrant is issued, a request for preliminary interview follows, and a hearing is conducted. As the supervised release population grows over the next several years, the D.C. local revocation hearings are expected to increase dramatically.

## **FY 2013 Program Changes:**

**Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies:** -\$1.0 million and 0 positions

USPC will continue to review its operational and programmatic requirements and implement efficiencies and cost savings in FY 2013 totaling \$1 million in the areas of printing, contract services, personnel, supplies, and general equipment.

**Program Offset - IT Savings:** -\$6,000 and 0 positions

This offset represents savings that will be generated through greater inter-component collaboration in IT contracting. Funds will be redirected to support the Department's Cyber-security and IT transformation efforts as well as other high priority requests. FY 2013 current services for this initiative are \$305,000.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

|                                                            | U.S. Parole Commission |           |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                                            | Pos                    | FTE       | Amount        |
| <b>2011 Enacted</b>                                        | <b>85</b>              | <b>87</b> | <b>12,833</b> |
| <b>2012 Enacted</b>                                        | <b>85</b>              | <b>87</b> | <b>12,833</b> |
| <b>2013 Request</b>                                        | <b>85</b>              | <b>84</b> | <b>12,772</b> |
| <b>Change 2013 from 2012 Enacted</b>                       | <b>0</b>               | <b>-3</b> | <b>-61</b>    |
| <b>Technical Adjustments</b>                               | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>                         | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Adjustments to Base</b>                                 |                        |           |               |
| <b>Increases:</b>                                          |                        |           |               |
| ATB Transfers                                              | 0                      | 0         | 38            |
| Pay & Benefits                                             | 0                      | 0         | 151           |
| Domestic Rent & Facilities                                 | 0                      | 0         | 756           |
| Subtotal Increases:                                        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>945</b>    |
| <b>Decreases:</b>                                          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Total Adjustments to Base</b>                           | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>945</b>    |
| <b>Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments</b> | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>945</b>    |
| <b>2013 Current Services</b>                               | <b>85</b>              | <b>87</b> | <b>13,778</b> |
| <b>Program Changes</b>                                     |                        |           |               |
| <b>Increases:</b>                                          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Decreases:</b>                                          |                        |           |               |
| Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies               | 0                      | -3        | -1,000        |
| Program Offset - IT Savings                                | 0                      | 0         | -6            |
| Subtotal, Program Decrease                                 | <b>0</b>               | <b>-3</b> | <b>-1,006</b> |
| <b>Total Program Changes</b>                               | <b>0</b>               | <b>-3</b> | <b>-1,006</b> |
| <b>2013 Request</b>                                        | <b>85</b>              | <b>84</b> | <b>12,772</b> |
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| Comparison by activity and program | 2012 Enacted |     |        | 2013 Current Services |     |        |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|-----|--------|
|                                    | Perm Pos.    | FTE | Amount | Perm Pos.             | FTE | Amount |
| United States Parole Commission    | 85           | 87  | 12,833 | 85                    | 87  | 13,778 |
| <b>Total</b>                       | 85           | 87  | 12,833 | 85                    | 87  | 13,778 |
| Reimbursable FTE                   | 0            | 0   | 0      | 0                     | 0   | 0      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                 | 85           | 87  | 12,833 | 85                    | 87  | 13,778 |

| Comparison by activity and program | 2013 Total Program Changes |     |        | 2013 Request |     |        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------|--------------|-----|--------|
|                                    | Perm Pos.                  | FTE | Amount | Perm Pos.    | FTE | Amount |
| United States Parole Commission    | 0                          | -3  | -1,006 | 85           | 84  | 12,772 |
| <b>Total</b>                       | 0                          | -3  | -1,006 | 85           | 84  | 12,772 |
| Reimbursable FTE                   | 0                          | 0   | 0      | 0            | 0   | 0      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                 | 0                          | -3  | -1,006 | 85           | 84  | 12,772 |