Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance

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<td>+502 positions +3 attorneys +183 agents</td>
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Mission:
The ATF protects communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, illegal use and trafficking of firearms, illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. The ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research, and the application of technology.

Resources:
The FY 2024 budget request for ATF totals $1,875 million for Salaries and Expenses, which is a 7.4 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Organization:
The ATF’s Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 12 international offices in eight countries.

Personnel:
The ATF’s direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 5,965 positions, including an increase of 502 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 5,463 direct authorized positions.
In line with the Department’s Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Violent Crime, the ATF Frontline business model ensures Bureau resources are directed to the most serious offenses and most dangerous criminals. The ATF’s strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each ATF field division that define the significant violent crime problems within its area of responsibility and propose a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership, a collaboration between the ATF and its Federal, State, and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

The ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives-related crime. The ATF’s illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. The ATF identifies, investigates, and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. In addition, the ATF partners with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to target violent offenders and remove them from America’s streets.

Investigating the illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority, and the ATF operates enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every United States border. The ATF focuses on collaboration with a broad range of Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and to disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

The ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of arson and bombings. Certified Fire Investigators, accelerant detection canines, the National Response Team, forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory collaborate for a comprehensive approach to arson crime investigations. The ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. The ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates the ATF’s explosives expertise at the Richard Shelby Center for Innovation and Advanced Training in Alabama. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The ATF’s role in implementing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA, 2022), the most substantial change to Federal firearms laws in a generation, is a priority in FY 2024, and the ATF requests additional resources for provisions such as a revised definition for Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL), closing of the so-called “boyfriend loophole,” and new statutes for prosecuting straw purchasing and firearms trafficking. The FY 2024 request enhances public safety by building upon existing efforts to further combat gun violence, including investments to realize the objectives of the BSCA, and by continuing crime gun intelligence capabilities such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and compliance inspections and oversight of FFLs. It also enhances the ATF’s Body Worn Camera (BWC) program.

**FY 2024 Program Changes:**

**Salaries & Expenses**

**Combatting Gun Violence:** $25.6 million and 100 positions (two attorneys, 72 agents)
Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to address the alarming surge in firearms violence in American communities. This enhancement is necessary for the ATF to meet the goals of the Administration and the Department to enhance enforcement efforts focused on firearms trafficking, and to increase the support that the ATF provides to State, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement in the investigation of violent firearm offenses. Firearm trafficking networks often involve the transport of firearms across jurisdictional, State, and National boundaries, and the ATF’s Federal statutory authorities and expertise are essential to effective investigation, disruption, and prosecution. Current Services are $515.7 million and 2,272 positions (1,681 agents).

**Body-Worn Cameras:** $37.8 million and 70 positions (one attorney, 11 agents)
Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to provide digital case management software and video cloud storage for the video from the BWCs of both ATF Special Agents and Federally deputized TFOs under the BWC requirements set forth by the Department’s BWC Policy. Through a new Digital Evidence Management Branch, the ATF will provide program oversight and management, and trained personnel will ensure the integrity of the ATF’s digital evidence warehouse. Current services for this request are $6.3 million and six positions (six agents).

**Zero Emission Vehicles:** $6.8 million and 0 positions
Resources will facilitate prioritization of resources for the operation and procurement of electric vehicles (including plug-in hybrid technology) and associated charging infrastructure, in alignment with targets set by Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget. With these resources, the ATF will work towards achieving the electrification goals mandated by Executive Order 14057. There are no current services for this initiative.

**FY 2024 Strategy:**

The ATF’s Body Worn Camera (BWC) program.
## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

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### Technical Adjustments

- **Critical Operations Support**
  - 2023 Enacted: 8,816
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 8,816

- **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act**
  - 2023 Enacted: 71,120
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 71,120

- **Non-Recurrent - Laboratory Facilities**
  - 2023 Enacted: 0
  - Change: -75,000
  - Total: -75,000

### Base Adjustments

- **Pay & Benefits**
  - 2023 Enacted: 57,739
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 57,739

- **Domestic Rent & Facilities**
  - 2023 Enacted: -7,454
  - Change: 0
  - Total: -7,454

- **Foreign Expenses**
  - 2023 Enacted: 67
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 67

- **Non-Personnel Related Annualizations**
  - 2023 Enacted: 2,929
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 2,929

### Total Technical Adjustments

- 2023 Enacted: 79,936
- Change: -75,000
- Total: 4,936

### Program Changes

#### Increases:

- **Combatting Gun Violence**
  - 2024 Request: 100
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 100

- **Body-Worn Cameras**
  - 2024 Request: 70
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 70

- **Zero Emission Vehicles**
  - 2024 Request: 0
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 0

#### Decreases:

- **Subtotal, Program Increases**
  - 2024 Request: 170
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 170

- **Subtotal, Program Decreases**
  - 2024 Request: 0
  - Change: 0
  - Total: 0

### Total Program Changes

- 2024 Request: 5,965 5,427 1,875,466
- Change: 75,000
- Total: 128,466
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E  
(Dollars in Thousands)

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