



## GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of Pardon Attorney (OPA)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2020 Enacted:	\$4.8 million (20 positions; 11 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$44,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$4.8 million (20 positions; 11 attorneys)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$44,000 (+0.9%)

### Mission:

The Office of the Pardon Attorney, in consultation with the Attorney General or his designee, assists the President in the exercise of his executive clemency power as authorized under Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution. Under the Constitution, the President's clemency power extends only to federal offenses against the United States. All requests for executive clemency for federal offenses are directed to the Pardon Attorney for investigation and review. The Pardon Attorney prepares the Department's recommendation to the President for final disposition of each petition. Executive clemency may take several forms including pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fine or restitution, and reprieve.

### Resources:

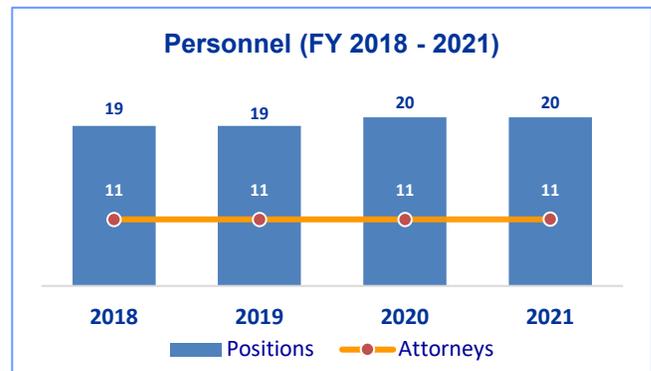
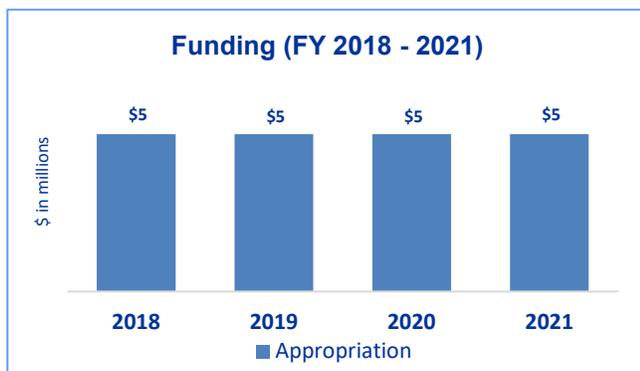
The FY 2021 budget request for OPA totals \$4.8 million, which is a 0.9 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

### Organization:

The OPA is headed by the Pardon Attorney who is appointed and designated authority to carry out the mission of the office by the Attorney General. The Office is located in Washington, DC.

### Personnel:

The OPA's direct authorized positions for FY 2021 total 20 positions and are the same as FY 2020 Enacted.



**FY 2021 Strategy:**

In FY 2021, the OPA will assist the President in the exercise of the clemency power. The OPA will respond to inquiries concerning clemency petitions and the clemency process from applicants, their representatives, members of the public, members of Congress, and various federal, state, and local officials and agencies; prepare all necessary documents to effect the President's decision to grant or deny clemency; and notify each clemency applicant of the President's decision concerning his/her clemency request. The OPA will also provide general advice to the White House concerning clemency procedures and the historical background of clemency matters.

At the end of FY 2019, the OPA had a caseload of approximately 14,000 petitioners awaiting a response from the President on their clemency request. Because the majority of those cases must be processed to completion and they are at various stages in the clemency process, the OPA FY 2021 budget request level is crucial to handle the unprecedented increase in workload over the past few years.

**FY 2021 Program Changes:**

The budget proposal includes funds for current services; no program changes are requested.

**Office of Pardon Attorney**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of Pardon Attorney		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2019 Appropriation</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4,474</b>
<b>2020 Enacted</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,766</b>
<b>2021 Request</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,810</b>
<b>Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	116
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	10
Other Adjustments	0	0	-82
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>2021 Current Services</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,810</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2021 Request</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,810</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	20	20	4,766	20	20	4,810
<b>Total</b>	20	20	4,766	20	20	4,810

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney				20	20	4,810
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	20	20	4,810