

# GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Criminal Division (CRM)

#### FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2020 Enacted: \$195.6 million (752 positions; 458 attorneys)

Current Services Adjustments: -\$2.8 million

Program Changes: +\$3.0 million

FY 2021 Budget Request: \$195.8 million (774 positions; 466 attorneys)

Change From FY 2020 Enacted: +\$137,000 (+0.1%) (+22 positions; +8 attorneys)

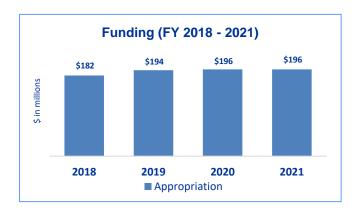
#### Mission:

The mission of the Criminal Division (CRM) is to develop, enforce, and supervise the application of federal criminal laws. The Division responds to critical and emerging national and international criminal threats and works with the enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence communities in a coordinated, nationwide response to reduce those threats.

The Division performs four key program activities to fulfill its mission: litigating cases (including multi-jurisdictional and international cases); providing expert guidance and legal advice (to the Attorney General, foreign counterparts, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices); reviewing and implementing law enforcement activities (e.g. Title III wiretaps, attorney fee forfeitures, correspondent banking subpoenas, and foreign legal frameworks); and fostering and maintaining global partnerships.

#### Resources:

The FY 2021 budget request for CRM totals \$195.8 million, which is a 0.1 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

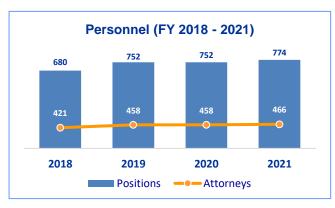


#### Organization:

CRM is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG supervises the enforcement of federal criminal laws and policy for the Department of Justice, and supervises criminal prosecutions by the Division's almost 700 prosecutors on a broad range of matters, including public corruption, corporate fraud, procurement fraud, computer crime, intellectual property crime, international organized crime, gang crime, narcotics offenses, money laundering offenses, child sexual exploitation, and human rights violations. Through the Division's extensive international operations, via its reimbursable programs with the State Department and other agencies, CRM also has more than 100 direct and reimbursable staff in foreign offices.

#### Personnel:

The CRM's direct authorized positions for FY 2021 total 774 positions, including an increase of 22 positions over the FY 2020 Enacted of 752 direct authorized positions.



\* Includes only direct attorneys. CRM's FY 2021 request from all funding sources totals 1,185 positions, 701 attorneys.

#### FY 2021 Strategy:

CRM has substantial prosecutorial expertise in a broad array of federal criminal subject matters, as well as formidable legal expertise and Department-wide operational resources. The Division plays a substantial role in helping the Department accomplish its mission by working to prevent terrorism; promoting the nation's security consistent with the rule of law; preventing crime; protecting the rights of the American people; and enforcing federal law. Additionally, the Division plays the central role in the Department for maintaining global partnerships to further support the Department's mission and goals.

In working to achieve the mission of the Department, the Division has identified several priority areas to ensure that the country's important justice needs, on both the national and transnational fronts, are effectively addressed, including:

- Ensuring trust and confidence in government institutions, by reducing public corruption at every level of government;
- Ensuring the stability and security of domestic and global markets, as well as the integrity of government programs, by reducing fraud, money laundering, and other economic crimes, by both corporations and individuals;
- Disrupting and dismantling criminal organizations and networks that act across state and national boundaries and that threaten our country through violence, drug trafficking, and computer crime;
- Combatting cyber-based threats and attacks;
- Protecting children and defending human rights;
- Promoting the rule of law around the world;
- Assisting law enforcement partners in obtaining evidence in the United States;
- Strengthening justice sector institutions in countries throughout the globe; and
- Supporting crime-fighting efforts across federal, state, and local governments.

#### FY 2021 Program Changes:

**International Law Enforcement Program Funding:** \$2.0 million and 12 positions (3 attorneys)

This program increase will fund the difference between the cost of managing two of the Division's international programs and the overhead funding that the programs receive for this purpose. Costs of headquarters staff outpace overhead every year. The requested \$2.0 million would insert a degree of stability for headquarters functions. There are no current services for this initiative.

### Providing Prosecutorial and Law Enforcement Support: \$629,000 and 7 positions (3 attorneys)

The Office of Enforcement Operations oversees the use of the most sensitive, sophisticated, and effective investigative tools in criminal cases, assists prosecutors and agents through individual case consultations and reviews as well as training and outreach, and ensures that these tools are used in an appropriate manner. Current services for this initiative are 71 positions (37 attorneys) and \$18.8 million.

## Protecting Children from Online Sexual Exploitation: \$353,000 and 3 positions (2 attorneys)

This investment furthers the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section's (CEOS) prosecution of online-facilitated child sex trafficking, production of child pornography, and extraterritorial child exploitation. The rapid expansion of the internet in both size and usage has caused online crimes against children to expand and create dangerous new threats for children. As the Department focuses its efforts on investigating online trafficking sites, it will obtain enormous quantities of backend data that can be analyzed to find traffickers and rescue victims. CEOS is uniquely positioned to help analyze and make use of such data, but needs the appropriate resources and expertise. Current services for this initiative are 30 positions (19 attorneys) and \$8.0 million.

#### <u>Criminal Division</u> (Dollars in Thousands)

		Criminal Division			
	Pos	FTE	Amount		
2019 Appropriation	752	565	193,715		
2020 Enacted	752	752	195,617		
2021 Request	774	771	195,754		
Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted	22	19	137		
Technical Adjustments					
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0		
Base Adjustments					
Pay & Benefits	0	0	3,074		
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	113		
Other Adjustments	0	0	-5,972		
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-60		
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	-2,845		
2021 Current Services	752	752	192,772		
Program Changes					
Increases:					
International Law Enforcement Program Funding	12	12	2,000		
Providing Prosecutorial and Law Enforcement Support	7	4	629		
Protecting Children from Online Sexual Exploitation	3	3	353		
Subtotal, Program Increases	22	19	2,982		
Decreases:					
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0		
Total Program Changes	22	19	2,982		
2021 Request	774	771	195,754		

### **Criminal Division**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	752	752	195,617	752	752	192,772
Total	752	752	195,617	752	752	192,772
Reimbursable FTE		136			105	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	752	888	195,617	752	857	192,772
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		287			287	
FTE Grand Total		1,175			1,144	

	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	22	19	2,982	774	771	195,754
Total	22	19	2,982	774	771	195,754
Reimbursable FTE					105	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	22	19	2,982	774	876	195,754
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)					287	
FTE Grand Total		19			1,163	

<sup>\*</sup>The Criminal Division estimates its FY 2021 Reimbursable FTE to be 124