



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

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$1,250.1 million (5,059 positions; 80 attorneys; 2,465 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$35.6 million
Program Changes:	+\$31.0 million
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$1,316.7 million (5,123 positions; 80 attorneys; 2,501 agents)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$66.6 million (+5.3%) (+64 positions; +36 agents)

Mission:

ATF protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research and use of technology.

Organization:

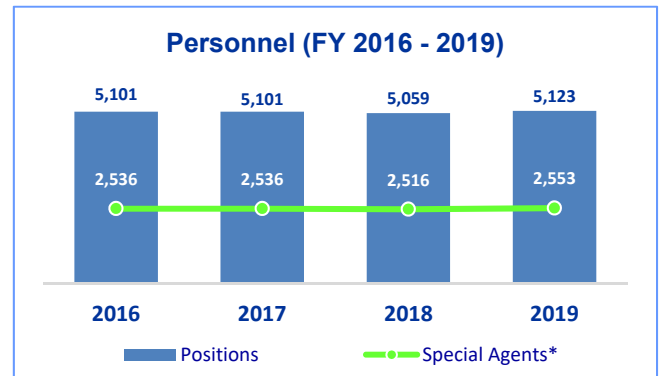
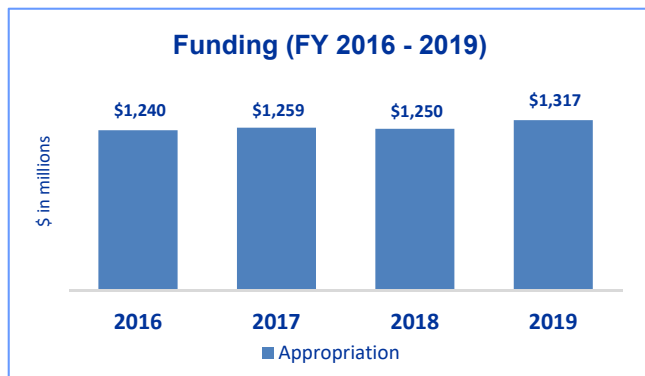
The ATF Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ATF operates a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence in 12 international offices in 8 countries.

Resources:

The FY 2019 budget request for ATF totals \$1,317 million, which is a 5.3% increase over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2019 total 5,123 positions. ATF's FY 2019 request includes an increase of 64 positions over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution of 5,059 direct positions.



*Includes reimbursable Special Agents

FY 2019 Strategy:

In line with the Attorney General's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Initiative, the ATF Frontline Strategy ensures that Bureau resources are devoted to the most serious offenses and the most dangerous criminals. ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each of ATF's field divisions that define the significant violent crime problem(s) within each field division's area of responsibility, and proposes 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 (VCRP) – collaboration between ATF and its federal, state and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives related crime. ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. ATF identifies, investigates and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. Also, ATF partners with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target "trigger pullers" and removing violent offenders from America's streets.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border. ATF focuses on collaborative efforts with its Federal, State and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

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. ATF's combination of Certified Fire Investigators (CFIs), accelerant detection canines, National Response Team (NRT), forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) provides a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center (USBDC), participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidated ATF's explosives expertise, training and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2019 request enhances public safety by prioritizing special agent positions, and focusing efforts to reduce violent crime in America's most vulnerable cities. ATF will retain its current enforcement responsibilities for firearms and explosives, and the transfer will focus ATF resources on its violent crime role. As part of that focus, ATF will pursue a workforce refresh effort, leveraging attrition from its retirement-eligible workforce to invigorate a cadre of agents to work on ATF's violent crime initiatives.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

Salaries and Expenses

ATF's FY 2019 budget proposal provides for current services, which includes the FY 2018 President's Budget request of \$14 million to support: the Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force (\$3.5 million), fund National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program increase (\$6.5 million), and additional resources to expedite NFA application processing (\$4 million). The increases will allow support ATF efforts to reduce violent crime.

National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN): \$8.9 million and 7 positions

The ATF request will allow for the second phase of the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC) expansion to include an additional 25-30 NIBIN Sites in FY 2019, provide additional NIBIN Technician training for state and local partners, and provide necessary infrastructure for further expansion to service all NIBIN Sites by FY 2020-2021. The request builds on the FY 2018 President's Budget request, which included \$6.5 million for the initial expansion of NNCTC. Current services for this initiative are 21 positions and \$36.8 million.

National Firearms Act (NFA): \$13.2 million and 25 positions

Additional funding and positions will support the timely and effective registration of restricted weapons and better support law enforcement criminal prosecutions and support processing NFA applications within a 90-day timeframe as targeted in performance goals set by the Bureau. Current services for this initiative are 39 positions and \$8.9 million.

National Public Safety Partnership (PSP): \$8.9 million and 46 positions (36 agents)

Additional resources will provide assistance to cities with surging firearm violence. Augmenting existing enforcement and industry operations groups, as well as enhancing ATF's regional Crime Gun Intelligence Centers, will help achieve sustainable reductions in violent crime. There are no current services for this initiative.

FY 2019 Restructuring Initiatives

Administrative Reduction/HQ: -\$2.3 million and -14 positions

The Department of Justice proposes to reduce its headquarters positions for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to refocus positions toward agent field operations. The request includes a non-agent reduction of -14 positions.

Transfer of Alcohol and Tobacco responsibilities to the Department of Treasury: \$0 and 0 positions

ATF responsibilities related to alcohol and tobacco enforcement will be transferred to the Department of Treasury Tax and Trade Bureau. The transfer of these mission sets to Treasury will have no effect on ATF positions or funding in FY 2019. This transfer will enable ATF to focus its efforts in preventing violent crime.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	5,101	5,094	1,258,600
2018 Continuing Resolution	5,059	4,986	1,250,053
2019 Request	5,123	5,012	1,316,678
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	64	26	66,625
Technical Adjustments			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	23,723
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	23,723
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	6,385
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	6,770
Other Adjustments	-14	-14	-1,608
Foreign Expenses	0	0	343
Total Base Adjustments	-14	-14	11,890
2019 Current Services	5,045	4,972	1,285,666
Program Changes			
Increases:			
National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN)	7	4	8,900
National Firearms Act (NFA)	25	13	13,200
National Public Safety Partnership (PSP)	46	23	8,912
Subtotal, Program Increases	78	40	31,012
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	78	40	31,012
2019 Request	5,123	5,012	1,316,678

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Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,249	4,187	1,049,795	4,237	4,175	1,079,703
Investigative Support Services	810	799	200,258	808	797	205,963
Total	5,059	4,986	1,250,053	5,045	4,972	1,285,666
Reimbursable FTE	0	52	0	0	52	0
Grand Total	5,059	5,038	1,250,053	5,045	5,024	1,285,666

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	46	23	8,912	4,283	4,198	1,088,615
Investigative Support Services	32	17	22,100	840	814	228,063
Total	78	40	31,012	5,123	5,012	1,316,678
Reimbursable FTE	0	5	0	0	57	0
Grand Total	78	45	31,012	5,123	5,069	1,316,678