



## U.S. Department of Justice FY 2018 Budget Request

### COMBATING VIOLENT CRIME

**+\$198.5 Million in Program Enhancements**

#### FY 2018 Overview

Violent crime and drug use are becoming more and more commonplace within our communities. While today's overall crime rates are near historic lows, recent trends indicate that those levels are at risk. Updated FBI statistics show that from 2014 to 2015, violent crime has increased more than 3 percent, which is the largest one-year increase in the last 24 years. The murder rate has increased 10 percent, the largest increase since 1968. Compounding this issue is the opioid and illegal drug epidemic. Heroin overdose deaths have more than tripled between 2010 and 2014 while illegal drugs flood across our borders into cities and towns bringing violence and tragedy with them. Protecting the people of this country from violent crime is a high calling of the men and women of the Department of Justice. Today, it has become more important than ever.

The FY 2018 budget requests \$198.5 million in enhancements to reduce violent crime, combat the prescription drug and opioid epidemic, and target Transnational Criminal Organizations. These resources will enable the Department to target and dismantle the worst criminal organizations and drug traffickers that are bringing violence and drugs into our communities. The Department of Justice utilizes a comprehensive set of programs that leverage law enforcement operations, prosecutorial action, and support for state and local governments to combat the violent offenders in our communities.

#### FY 2018 Critical Funding Increases

##### **Reducing Violent Crime**

In FY 2018, the Department is requesting \$139.1 million in enhancements to support the President's initiatives to reduce violent crime and protect our communities by apprehending violent criminals.

##### **Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force**

- The Department requests \$19 million to support the implementation of the recommendations of the "Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety." The task force was created by the Attorney General on February 28, 2017, in response to the President's Executive Order. The task force includes the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Director of the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS). The task force's recommendations are central to the Attorney General's commitment to combating illegal immigration and violent crime, such as drug trafficking, gang violence and gun crimes,

and to restoring public safety to all of the nation's communities. Requested resources are ATF (\$3.5 million), DEA (\$6.0 million), FBI (\$3.5 million), and USMS (\$6.0 million).

### **United States Attorneys (USA)**

- **Violent Crime Prosecutors: \$18.8 million and 230 positions (230 attorneys)**  
Funding will provide for 230 Assistant United States Attorneys to address violent crime across the country. This enhancement will help ensure the safety and security of people in communities across the country by leveraging the United States Attorneys' ability to convene federal, state, and local law enforcement to improve public safety. Prosecutors will combat all types of violent crime through comprehensive strategies involving vigorous prosecution and prevention efforts. Resources will be provided to the offices with the highest demonstrated need in areas that are necessary to accomplish the objectives of this initiative.

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

- **National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN): \$6.5 million**  
Funding would expand training for state and local partners and crime intelligence. Funds also provide NIBIN with additional office space and equipment needed for the operation of the National NIBIN Correlation and Training Center. Current services for this initiative are 21 positions and \$30.3 million.
- **Expediting NFA Applications: \$4.0 million**  
Funding will enhance technical advancements needed to ensure the most accurate and timely firearm registrations to support the enforcement of the National Firearms Act (NFA) and reduce violent crime by providing certifications in support of criminal trials. Current services for this initiative are 105 positions and \$16.2 million.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

- **National Instant Criminal Background Check System: \$8.9 million and 85 positions**  
The request will enable the FBI to maintain efforts addressing high volumes of firearms background checks and better recruit and retain qualified personnel. Current services for this initiative are 591 positions (no agents) and \$70.3 million.

### **Office of Justice Programs (OJP)**

- **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Block Grants: \$70 million**  
The 2018 Budget requests \$70 million for this newly designed block grant program, which will build on and expand the work of DOJ's PSN Initiative to create safer neighborhoods through sustained reductions in gang violence and gun crime. The uses of this evidence based block grant will be locally determined, rather than federally controlled, to ensure it addresses local problems and priorities. The program is based on partnerships of federal, state, and local agencies led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each federal judicial district. The USA will be responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN

team of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gang violence and gun crime enforcement; violence prevention and intervention initiatives; and community outreach within the district.

### **United States Marshals Service (USMS)**

- **Deputy U.S. Marshal (DUSM) Life and Safety: \$12.0 million**  
Funds support the replacement of body armor, radios, fleet vehicles, and electronic surveillance equipment; and to support the USMS Special Operation Group's (SOG) annual selection, specialty training, mandatory recertification training, and related equipment. Funding will allow regular replacement of Deputy U.S. Marshal safety equipment, and to ensure that SOG members maintain skills necessary to provide tactical support for increased officer safety and maximum efficiency when conducting high-risk operations.

### **Combating Opioids**

In FY 2018, the Department is requesting \$40.4 million in enhancements to combat the opioid epidemic that is crippling communities across the United States and to target the drug trafficking organizations responsible for the supply of these drugs in the United States.

### **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**

- **Opioid Enhancement: Training, Enforcement, and Drug Disposal: \$20.0 million**  
Resources will be used in support of actions against individuals and organizations operating outside the law. Additionally, long-term education and training engagements with pharmaceutical drug manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies, and practitioners will be conducted and additional support for prescription drug take back events would be provided.
- **Diversion Investigators and Tactical Diversion Squads: \$9.4 million and 55 positions (10 Agents)**  
Resources will support the disruption and dismantlement of the individuals and organizations responsible for the illicit manufacture and distribution of pharmaceutical controlled substances in violation of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and would provide support for outreach to the growing registrant population. FY 2018 current services for this program are 1,597 positions and \$388 million.
- **Heroin Enforcement: \$8.5 million**  
Resources will be used in support of coordinated Law Enforcement actions that aim to sever the ties between cartels and the violent gangs which supply deadly opioids to our communities. Requested funding would provide support to expand DEA's 360 Strategy and would provide additional operational funding for DEA enforcement groups focused on targeting the heroin epidemic. Between 2010 and 2016, DEA has opened more than 12,900 investigations related to heroin. As a result of these aggressive enforcement efforts, the amount of heroin seized in the United States has increased by more than 100 percent between 2010 and 2016.

- **SAUSA Pilot Program: \$2.5 million**  
Funds for this initiative will initiate a pilot program that would hire and pay Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA) in “hot spots” around the country to provide prosecutorial support to federal criminal and civil diversion investigations. The requested resources would ensure that criminal and related civil cases associated with the Diversion Control Fee Account (DCFA) are prosecuted in a timely manner.

### **Targeting Transnational Organized Crime**

In FY 2018, the Department is requesting \$19.0 million in enhancements to target those transnational criminal organizations that pose the greatest threat to our national security and the safety of American citizens.

### **Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF)**

- **Violent Crime, the Opioid Epidemic, and Transnational Organized Crime: \$5.8 million**  
OCDETF will address priorities of the Administration, which include Transnational Organized Crime, the national opioid epidemic, and violent crime affecting our communities across the nation. OCDETF seeks funding to support operational expenses for investigators and prosecutors working on OCDETF cases that target priority TOC, OCDETF’s heroin response strategy, and the short-term deployment of Federal law enforcement personnel to address violent crime. Current services for this initiative are 0 positions and \$1.6 million.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

- **Transnational Organized Crime: \$6.8 million and 65 positions (40 agents)**  
This requested funding will support ongoing TOC investigations of the highest-level TOC actors, both domestically and internationally. Current services for this initiative are 1,101 positions (637 agents) and \$192.9 million.

### **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**

- **Transnational Organized Crime: \$6.5 million**  
Resources for investigative activities focusing on the TCOs that are responsible for large quantities of drugs such as heroin to arriving in U.S. cities. DEA will enhance Sensitive Investigative Units (SIU) in key overseas locations to target TCOs and would expand the foreign intercept program. FY 2018 current services for the SIU program are \$20.6 million.

**FY 2018 Program Increases Summary**  
(Amount in \$000s)

<b>Component/Initiative</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Agts/ Attys</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Reducing Violent Crime</b>				
Violent Crime Prosecutors	USA	230	230	18,783
National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN)	ATF	0	0	\$6,500
Expediting NFA Applications	ATF	0	0	4,000
Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force	ATF	0	0	3,530
Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force	DEA	0	0	5,965
National Instant Criminal Background Check System	FBI	85	0	8,900
Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force	FBI	33	20	3,450
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Block Grants	OJP	0	0	70,000
DUSM Life and Safety	USMS	0	0	12,000
Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force	USMS	0	0	5,975
<b>Subtotal, Reducing Violent Crime</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>\$139,103</b>
<b>Combating Opioids</b>				
Opioid Enhancement	DEA-DCFA	0	0	\$20,000
Diversion Investigators and Tactical Diversion Squads	DEA-DCFA	55	10	9,414
Heroin Enforcement	DEA	0	0	8,500
SAUSA Pilot Program	DEA-DCFA	0	0	2,452
<b>Subtotal, Combating Opioids</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$40,366</b>
<b>Targeting Transnational Organized Crime</b>				
Violent Crime, the Opioid Epidemic, and Transnational Organized Crime	OCDETF	0	0	\$5,761
Transnational Organized Crime	FBI	65	40	6,779
Transnational Organized Crime	DEA	0	0	6,500
<b>Subtotal, Targeting Transnational Organized Crime</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$19,040</b>
<b>Total, Program Increases</b>		<b>468</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>\$198,509</b>