



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2018 Budget Request

ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS

+\$144.9 million in Program Enhancements

FY 2018 Overview

The FY 2018 budget enhances border security and immigration enforcement and improves the Department's ability to conduct more efficient and expedient immigration hearings to combat illegal entry and unlawful presence in the United States. The Department requests enhancements of \$144.9 million to enforce the President's January 25, 2017, Executive Order, "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements" and keep pace with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) increased immigration enforcement efforts.

FY 2018 Program Enhancements

The Department requests a total of \$144.9 million in immigration enforcement enhancements for FY 2018, including:

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)

- **Immigration Judge Teams: \$75.0 million and 450 positions (150 attorneys)**
EOIR oversees the nation's immigration courts and the Board of Immigrant Appeals. EOIR's immigration court caseload continues to increase to record levels, growing by more than 125 percent since FY 2010 to 560,000 cases currently pending adjudication. In order to maintain the efficacy and efficiency of immigration enforcement and adjudication programs and process the increasing workload, the Department requests \$75 million for 75 new immigration judges and support staff (IJ teams). A team consists of an immigration judge, a judicial law clerk, a legal assistant, and three administrative support staff, including an additional legal assistant and/or an interpreter. Current services for this initiative are 2,138 positions (681 attorneys) and \$425.5 million.

United States Marshals Service (USMS)

- USMS takes custody of all unauthorized immigrants referred for criminal prosecution. An increase in DHS apprehensions will result in more fugitive investigations for individuals with immigration warrants; more protective investigations and details for members of the judiciary; and more prisoners to receive, process, and detain.
 - **Salaries and Expenses: \$8.8 million and 40 positions (40 Deputy US Marshals):**
The Department requests \$8.8 million for 40 Deputy US Marshals to maintain high

levels of court security and ensure timely detainee processing. Current services for this initiative are 1,185 positions (918 agents) and \$228.9 million.

- **Federal Prisoner Detention: \$50.3 million and 0 positions:** This enhancement will fund housing, medical, and transportation cost increases for the USMS detainee population. USMS anticipates an increase in the detention population resulting from enhancements to border security and immigration enforcement. Current services for this initiative are 0 positions and \$381.3 million.

United States Attorneys (USA)

- **Immigration Enforcement Prosecutors: \$7.2 million and 70 positions (70 attorneys)**
Federal prosecution of border crime is an essential part of our nation's defense and security and critical to public safety. USA offices address the criminal and civil caseloads generated by law enforcement activities to ensure aggressive enforcement of all immigration statutes. This enhancement will provide adequate personnel to support an increase in immigration law enforcement and enforce the administration's immigration and border security policies and programs. Focus areas include transnational alien smuggling organizations; attempted re-entry after deportation; illegal presence in the United States; document fraud-related offenses, including visa and immigration benefits fraud; immigration fraud perpetuated by businesses, non-profits, and individuals; assistance with interdiction of national security targets; counterterrorism initiatives; narcotics and human trafficking; and violent crime efforts impacting border security. Current services for this initiative are 1,342 positions (731 attorneys) and \$178.7 million.

Civil Division (CIV)

- **Immigration Litigation: \$1.9 million and 20 positions (15 attorneys)**
CIV's Office of Immigration Litigation defends the government against programmatic and individual challenges to federal immigration policies or actions. This enhancement will provide adequate staff to address a growing caseload of challenges to the nation's immigration laws, regulations, and policies. Current services for this initiative are 406 positions (315 attorneys) and \$69.7 million.

Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)

- **Land Acquisition Section: \$1.8 million and 20 positions (12 attorneys)**
ENRD is principally responsible for acquiring real property to secure the border between the United States and Mexico. This enhancement will dedicate 20 positions to meet litigation, acquisition, and appraisal demands during the construction along the border between Mexico and the United States. Current services for this initiative are 2 positions (2 attorneys) and \$329 thousand.

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

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review			
Immigration Judge Teams	450	150	74,950
Subtotal, Executive Office for Immigration Review	450	150	\$74,950
United States Marshals Service			
S&E: Deputy U.S. Marshals	40	40	8,755
FPD: Immigration Detention Costs	0	0	50,349
Subtotal, United States Marshals Service	40	40	\$59,104
United States Attorneys			
Immigration Enforcement Prosecutors	70	70	7,168
Subtotal, United States Attorneys	70	70	\$7,168
Civil Division			
Immigration Litigation	20	15	1,876
Subtotal, Civil Division	20	15	\$1,876
Environment and Natural Resources Division			
Land Acquisition Section	20	12	1,798
Subtotal, Environment and Natural Resources Division	20	12	\$1,798
Total, Program Enhancements	600	287	\$144,896