



Community Relations Service (CRS)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2010 Enacted:	\$11.5 million (56 positions; 1 attorney)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.1 million (0.9% above FY 2010 Enacted)
Program Changes:	+\$1.0 million
FY 2011 Budget Request:	\$12.6 million (56 positions; 1 attorney)
Change from FY 2010 Enacted:	+1.1 million (+9.6%) (+0 positions; +0 attorney)

Mission:

The mission of the CRS is to serve as the Department's "peacemaker" for community conflicts and tensions arising from differences of race, color, and national origin. Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, CRS is the only federal agency dedicated to assist state and local units of government, private and public organizations, and community groups with preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions, incidents, and civil disorders, and in restoring racial stability and harmony. CRS facilitates the development of viable, mutual understandings and agreements as alternatives to coercion, violence, or litigation.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2011 totals \$12.6 million, which is a 9.6 percent increase from the FY 2010 Enacted level.

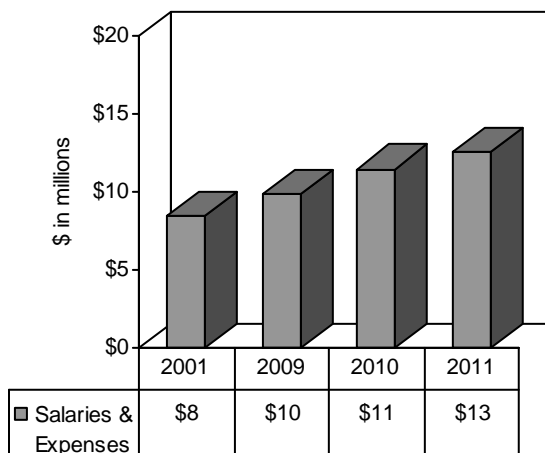
Organization:

CRS is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CRS has 10 regional offices and 4 field offices across the United States.

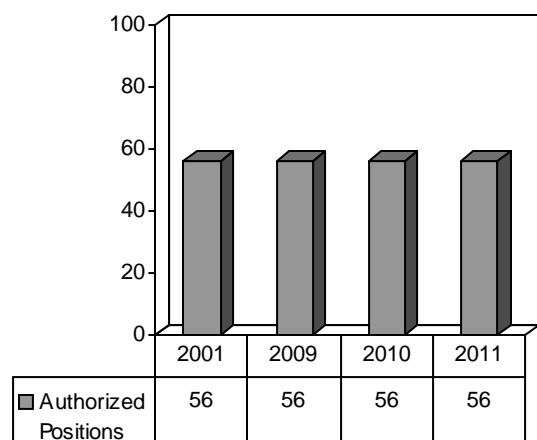
Personnel:

The CRS's direct authorized positions for FY 2011 total 56 positions, including 1 attorney. While the FY 2011 request does not include an increase in the number of authorized positions, funding is provided to ensure CRS may staff up to its authorized position ceiling.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2011)



Personnel (FY 2001 - 2011)



FY 2011 Strategy:

CRS serves as the Department's "peacemaker" for community conflicts and tensions arising from real or perceived discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin. CRS provides specialized mediation and conciliation services to state, local and federal officials and communities throughout the United States. The CRS's goal is to assist in resolving and preventing racial, ethnic and national origin community conflicts, violence, and civil disorder.

To carry out its mission, CRS has implemented several strategies, which are intended to effectively address the issues of discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin that impair the rights of people. Examples of various CRS strategies and programs include: Law Enforcement Mediation Skills Program; Anti-Racial Profiling Program; Arab-Muslim, Sikh (AMS) Cultural Awareness Program; and City-Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (City-SPIRIT) Program.

CRS must constantly reintroduce its services to community and local government leaders due to election turnover, term-limited positions, and a statutory mandate that prevents CRS from publicizing much of its work. Evolving community "flash points" increase the need to be knowledgeable and aware of the host of vulnerabilities that communities face. In sum, though, obstacles to entry and the fluctuating nature of jurisdictional conflicts do not deter CRS from offering its services to communities in need. Through skillful conciliation and mediation, CRS' services can limit disruptions to community peace and stability. For any jurisdictional conflict, CRS stands ready to offer its conflict resolution services to communities across the United States.

FY 2011 Program Changes:

Personnel Support: \$672,000 to allow CRS to fill 4 Senior Conciliator positions. These are positions which are currently within the allocated CRS position levels, but have been vacant due to budget considerations. The requested funding will allow CRS to fill these positions in order to more fully carry out its mission.

Cold Case Conciliation Support: \$250,000 to provide technical assistance by bringing together law enforcement agencies and communities in the investigation of alleged violations of criminal civil rights statutes to comply with the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007. There are no current services for this initiative.

Indian Country: \$176,000 for travel and training conciliators in tribal matters. CRS provides vital services to Indian Country during tense community events. There are no current services for this initiative.

Travel Management Efficiencies: The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2011, DOJ is focusing on travel as an area in which savings can be achieved. For the Community Relations Service, travel or other management efficiencies will result in offsets of \$43,000. This offset will be applied in a manner that will allow the continuation of effective law enforcement program efforts in support of Presidential and Departmental goals, while minimizing the risk to health, welfare and safety of agency personnel.

Financial Snapshot 2009

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None