



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

FY 2013 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$198.5 million (188 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.0 million
Program Changes:	-\$91.1 million
FY 2013 Budget Request:	\$289.6 million (188 positions)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$91.1 million (+45.9%)

Mission:

The mission of the COPS Office is to advance the practice of community policing as an effective strategy to improve public safety. By addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates. Additionally, community policing encourages the use of operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the community. By earning the trust of the members of their communities and making those individuals stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

Organization:

COPS is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Attorney General. The COPS Office was established in 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies.

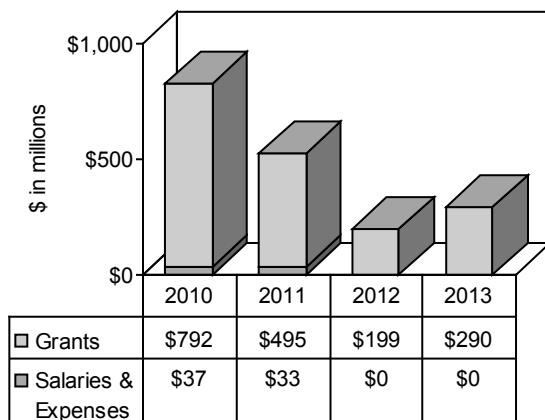
Resources:

The budget request for FY 2013 totals \$289.6 million, which is a 45.9 % increase over the FY 2012 enacted. A rescission of \$12.2 million in prior year balances is also proposed.

Personnel:

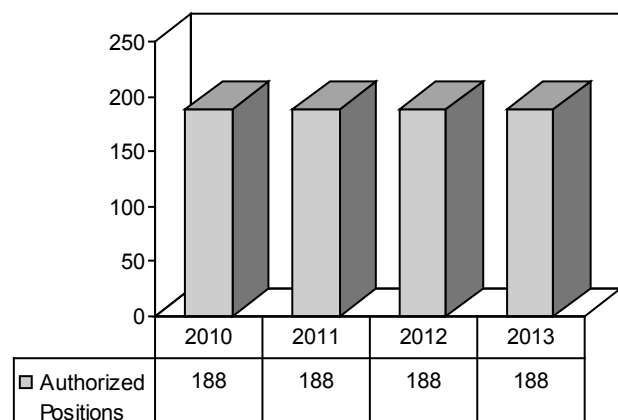
The COPS' direct authorized positions for FY 2013 total 188 positions, which is the same as the FY 2012 enacted level .

Funding (FY 2010 - 2013)



Starting in FY 2012, S&E is funded from Grants

Personnel (FY 2010 - 2013)



FY 2013 Strategy:

Over the past decade, the programs and initiatives developed by the COPS Office have provided funding to more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies. Approximately 81% of the Nation's population is served by law enforcement agencies practicing community policing. To date COPS has funded over 121,000 officers. With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the COPS Office ensured that over 4,600 additional law enforcement officer jobs will be created or saved in law enforcement agencies across the country. The total number of officers that the COPS Office funded in FY 2009 through 2011 was more than 7,100.

More than 500,000 law enforcement personnel and community members have been trained on community policing topics including crime control strategies, police ethics and integrity, terrorism prevention and preparedness, school safety, partnership building, problem-solving and crime analysis.

In FY 2013, the COPS Office will continue to fulfill its mission of advancing the practice of community policing by:

- Funding additional officers and giving preference to law enforcement agencies planning to hire post-9/11 veterans;
- Continuing to support innovative programs that respond directly to the emerging needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement in order to shift law enforcement's focus to preventing, rather than reacting to crime and disorder within their communities;
- Developing state-of-the-art training and technical assistance to enhance law enforcement officers' problem-solving and community interaction skills;
- Promoting collaboration between law enforcement and community members to develop innovative initiatives to prevent crime;
- Providing responsive, cost-effective service delivery to COPS' grantees to ensure success in advancing community policing strategies within their communities; and
- Supporting evidence-based community policing practices that have proven to be effective, can be easily replicated by a broad cross-section of law enforcement agencies, and, are sustainable.

FY 2013 Program Changes:

COPS Hiring: \$91.1 million for a total of \$257.1 million for this program, which will be used to fund officers and thereby support the efforts of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in meeting the challenge of keeping their communities safe. Within this amount, \$15.0 million will be dedicated specifically towards hiring of tribal law enforcement officers, and \$15.0 million will be for community policing development activities. The request also includes a legislative proposal that would allow up to 5% of COPS Hiring Program (CHP) funds to be awarded at the discretion of the COPS Director for priority initiatives. In FY 2013, the COPS Office proposes an elimination of the requirement that 50% of COPS Hiring Program funds be awarded to law enforcement agencies that serve populations of 150,000 or greater, and that 50% of the funds be awarded to agencies serving populations of 150,000 or fewer. The elimination of this requirement will allow for increased flexibility in addressing hiring needs through the U.S. law enforcement community. FY 2013 current services resources for this initiative is \$166.0 million.

Rescission: The budget proposes to rescind \$12.2 million in prior year balances.