



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Civil Rights Division (CRT)

FY 2027 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2026 Enacted:	\$107.8 million (353 positions; 193 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	\$53.9 million
Program Changes:	\$2.7 million
FY 2027 Budget Request:	\$164.5 million (639 positions; 403 attorneys)
Change From FY 2026 Enacted:	\$56.7 million (+52.6%) (+286 positions; +210 attorneys)

Mission:

The Civil Rights Division (CRT) protects the civil and constitutional rights of all people in this country by enforcing the Constitution and federal laws of the United States entrusted to the Division in pursuit of our founding ideals. Toward that end, the Division focuses on eliminating discrimination in its many forms and wherever it is found. The Division works to advance justice by ensuring fair and unbiased treatment of all of its citizens, in schools, in the workplace, in places of worship, at the ballot box, and where public accommodations are offered. In addition to ensuring citizens are treated fairly regardless of protected status, the Division also works to protect the civil rights of our nation's servicemembers and veterans.

Organization:

CRT is headed by the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is assisted by five Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, including a Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. The AAG oversees a Division organized into eleven sections dedicated to the enforcement of the nation's civil rights laws. The Division is headquartered in Washington, DC. Due to its broad jurisdiction, Division staff travel throughout the United States to investigate, prosecute, and litigate cases and to engage in technical assistance, outreach, and training.

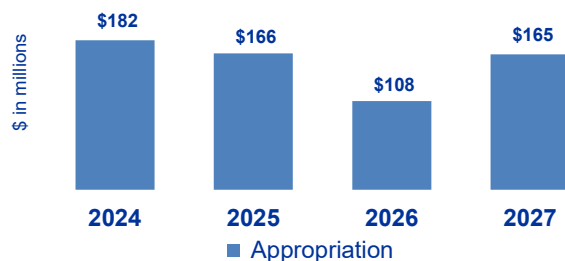
Resources:

The FY 2027 budget request for CRT totals \$164.5 million, which is a 53 percent increase from the FY 2026 Enacted level.

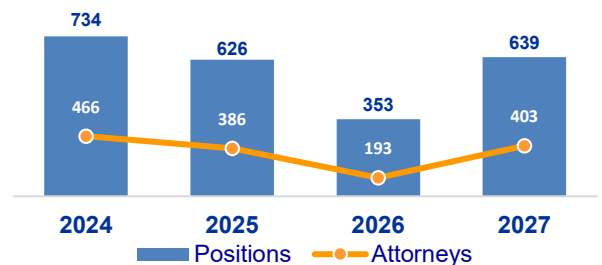
Personnel:

CRT's direct authorized positions for FY 2027 total 639, including an increase of 286 positions from the FY 2026 Enacted level of 353 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2024 - 2027)



Personnel (FY 2024 - 2027)



FY 2027 Strategy:

The Civil Rights Division will work to ensure fair treatment and justice for all our citizens in FY 2027. CRT's pursuit of justice will include:

- combating hate crimes and bias incidents, particularly those involving the rising tide of antisemitism and anti-Christian bias facing our nation;
- preserving the individual's right to religious liberty and freedom of worship enshrined in the Constitution;
- restoring equality of opportunity and meritocracy in the workplace and in schools;
- ensuring the integrity of free, fair, and honest federal elections;
- protecting opportunities for women and girls to compete in fair and safe sports;
- helping our servicemembers and veterans secure the civil rights promised to them in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; and
- promoting fair lending and fair housing.

FY 2027 Program Changes:

Protecting Second Amendment Rights: +\$1.4 million and +12 positions (+9 attorneys)

The Civil Rights Division seeks an enhancement to support a stand-alone section dedicated to protecting Second Amendment rights. With appropriate funding, the Division will be positioned to monitor state and local laws, regulations, policies, and practices to identify measures that unlawfully restrict our ability to bear firearms, and to pursue enforcement actions where warranted. This enhancement would enable the Section to implement strategies of the Second Amendment Enforcement Task Force (established by the Attorney General on April 8, 2025) through litigation and policy, thereby advancing compliance with the Second Amendment while building sustained subject matter expertise supported by the Division's established litigation capacity.

Eliminating Illegal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Programs: +\$1.3 million and +11 positions (+8 attorneys)

With adequate resources, the Civil Rights Division's Educational Opportunities Section and Employment Litigation Section will be well positioned to investigate and litigate allegations of illegal DEI programs. This enhancement would strengthen the Division's ability to intervene in ongoing litigation, submit statements of interest and amicus briefs, and seek remedies that eliminate unlawful practices while preserving equal access to educational and employment opportunities for all.

Civil Rights Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Civil Rights Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2025 Appropriation	626	577	166,132
2026 Enacted	353	353	107,794
2027 Request	639	566	164,467
Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted	286	213	56,673
Technical Adjustments			
Technical Adjustment CRT Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit to CRM	0	0	-427
FY 2026 Rebaseline Adjustment	263	201	53,943
Total Technical Adjustments	263	201	53,516
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	130
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	318
Other Adjustments	0	0	0
Total Base Adjustments	263	201	53,964
2027 Current Services	616	554	161,758
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Protecting Second Amendment Rights	12	6	1,418
Eliminating Illegal DEI Programs	11	6	1,291
Subtotal, Program Increases	23	12	2,709
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	23	12	2,709
2027 Request	639	566	164,467

Civil Rights Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2026 Enacted			2027 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Civil Rights Enforcements	353	353	107,794	616	554	161,758
Total	353	353	107,794	616	554	161,758
Reimbursable FTE		17			19	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	353	370	107,794	616	573	161,758
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		50			59	
FTE Grand Total		420			632	

Comparison by activity and program	2027 Total Program Changes			2027 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Civil Rights Enforcements	23	12	2,709	639	566	164,467
Total	23	12	2,709	639	566	164,467
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	19	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	23	12	2,709	639	585	164,467
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		0			59	
FTE Grand Total		12			644	