



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2019 Budget Request

OTHER KEY INCREASES

+\$34.6 million in Program Enhancements

FY 2019 Overview

The FY 2019 President's Budget proposal includes key increases for several components for a variety of initiatives listed and described in more detail below.

New Program Enhancements

The Department requests \$34.6 million for the following key increases in FY 2019.

Criminal Division (CRM)

- **Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) Reform: \$13.0 million and 72 positions (37 attorneys and 35 paralegals)**

Since FY 2015, CRM's MLAT efforts have been funded through a one-time funding source. Using this funding, CRM's Office of International Affairs (OIA) embarked on a broad "MLAT Reform" program that reduced its caseload backlog by a third, from an all-time high in FY 2016 of 13,421 to less than 9,038 today. To continue the progress made, permanent funds are needed to cover these critical positions.

OIA supports prosecutors and law enforcement in the United States and abroad by navigating domestic and foreign laws, treaties, and other requirements, to secure the return of fugitives to face justice and to obtain the evidence needed to convict them. OIA requests often seek evidence needed to thwart terrorist plots or seek the removal of violent criminals hiding in America's cities.

Civil Division

- **Federal Programs Branch: \$3.0 million and 26 positions (22 attorneys and 4 support)**

The Department requests a program increase for the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division to meet the surge of casework in this area. The Federal Programs Branch litigates on behalf of federal agencies, the President, Cabinet officers, and other government officials in order to defend against constitutional challenges to federal statutes, suits to overturn government policies and programs, and attacks on the legality of government decisions. From FY 2014 to FY 2017, the Federal Programs Branch's annual caseload has increased by 25%, with National Security and FOIA cases increasing

10% and 100% respectively. Cases pertaining to law enforcement have increased by 77% during the same period.

Tax Division

- **Transnational Tax Evasion Unit: \$0.5 million and 6 positions (5 attorneys and 1 paralegal)**

These funds will establish a new transnational tax evasion unit that will directly assist the IRS in criminal investigations in offshore tax evasion matters. The unit will work and coordinate closely with the IRS to identify, investigate, and prosecute offshore tax violations in order to hold wrongdoers accountable and to achieve maximum deterrence and compliance.

United States Marshals Service (USMS)

- **Capture Initiative: \$7.3 million and 0 positions**

Funding will support development and implementation of a comprehensive IT integration project that consolidates operational data and improves USMS operational business and mission capabilities at headquarters and in the field. Capture replaces the Justice Detainee Information System and Detention Services Network, both of which currently present cybersecurity risks.

Justice Information Sharing Technology (JIST)

- **Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM): \$0.8 million and 0 positions**

These funds will be used for operations and maintenance costs of the Department of Homeland Security's CDM cybersecurity program of which DOJ is a customer. This program provides federal departments and agencies with critical capabilities and tools that identify cybersecurity risks on an ongoing basis, prioritize these risks based upon potential impacts, and enable cybersecurity personnel to prioritize the mitigation of the most significant problems.

Bureau of Prisons (BOP)

- **Apprentice Initiative: \$10.0 million and 0 positions**

The Department proposes to expand the Apprentice Initiative in BOP as part of the President's Executive Order Expanding Apprenticeships in America to promote apprenticeships among incarcerated individuals and expands career and technical training capacity.

FY 2019 Program Enhancement Summary
(Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	Amount
Criminal Division: Sustainment Funding for OIA and MLAT	72	37	\$13,000
Civil Division: Federal Programs	26	22	3,000
Tax Division: Transnational Crime and Tax Evasion	6	5	500
USMS: Capture Initiative	0	0	7,300
JIST: Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation	0	0	772
BOP: Apprentice Initiative	0	0	10,000
Total, Program Enhancements	104	64	\$34,572