



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of Pardon Attorney (OPA)

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$4.5 million (19 positions; 11 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$448,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$4.9 million (19 positions; 11 attorneys)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$448,000 (+10.0%)

Mission:

The Office of the Pardon Attorney, in consultation with the Attorney General or his designee, assists the President in the exercise of his executive clemency power as authorized under Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution. Under the Constitution, the President's clemency power extends only to federal offenses against the United States. All requests for executive clemency for federal offenses are directed to the Pardon Attorney for investigation and review. The Pardon Attorney prepares the Department's recommendation to the President for final disposition of each application. Executive clemency may take several forms including pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fine or restitution, and reprieve.

Resources:

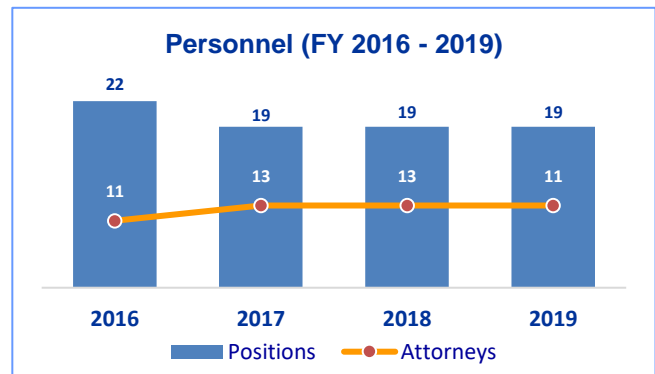
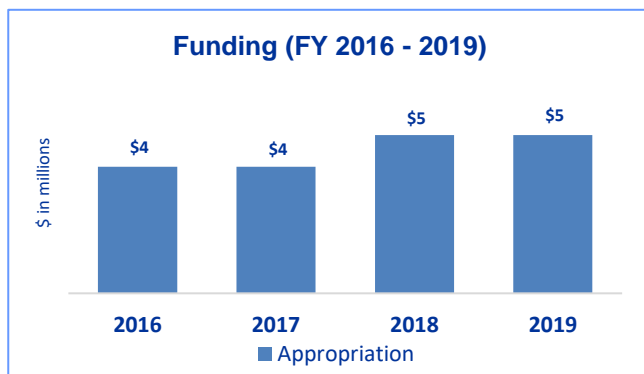
The FY 2019 budget request for OPA totals \$4.9 million, which is a 10.0% increase over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.

Organization:

OPA is headed by the Pardon Attorney who is appointed and designated authority to carry out the mission of the office by the Attorney General. The Office is located in Washington, DC.

Personnel:

OPA's direct positions for FY 2019 total 19 positions and are the same as FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.



* FY 2018 annualized CR

FY 2019 Strategy:

In FY 2019, OPA will assist the President in the exercise of the clemency power. OPA will respond to inquiries concerning clemency petitions and the clemency process from applicants, their representatives, members of the public, members of Congress, and various federal, state, and local officials and agencies; prepare all necessary documents to effect the President's decision to grant or deny clemency; and notify each clemency applicant of the President's decision concerning his/her clemency request. OPA will also provide general advice to the White House concerning clemency procedures and the historical background of clemency matters.

At the start of FY 2018, OPA had a caseload of over 10,000 petitioners awaiting a response from the President on their clemency request. Because the majority of those cases must be processed to completion and presented to the President as a recommendation from the Department, OPA's FY 2019 budget request level is crucial to handle the workload.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

No program changes are requested.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of Pardon Attorney		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	19	19	4,496
2018 Continuing Resolution	19	19	4,465
2019 Request	19	19	4,913
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	0	0	448
Technical Adjustments			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	495
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	495
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	35
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	20
Other Adjustments including Administrative Savings	0	0	-102
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	-47
2019 Current Services	19	19	4,913
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2019 Request	19	19	4,913

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Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	19	19	4,465	19	19	4,913
Total	19	19	4,465	19	19	4,913
Grand Total	19	19	4,465	19	19	4,913

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	0	0	0	19	19	4,913
Total	0	0	0	19	19	4,913
Grand Total	0	0	0	19	19	4,913