



U.S. Parole Commission (USPC)

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$13.2 million (53 positions; 7 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	-\$546,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$12.7 million (51 positions; 7 attorneys)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	-\$546,000 (-4.1%) (-2 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the USPC is to promote public safety and strive for justice and fairness in the exercise of its authority to release, revoke, and supervise offenders under its jurisdiction. USPC has jurisdiction over federal offenders who committed offenses before November 1, 1987; all District of Columbia offenders; Uniform Code of Military Justice offenders who are in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons; Transfer Treaty cases (United States citizens convicted in foreign countries, who have elected to serve their sentence in this country); and State probationers and Parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program. USPC renders decisions on National Appeals Board cases and decides action on supervision, parole, or return to custody cases under its jurisdiction. Unless reauthorized, USPC authorities will sunset on November 1, 2018.

Resources:

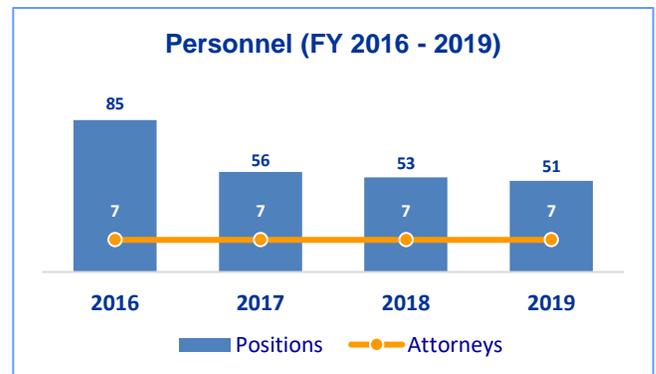
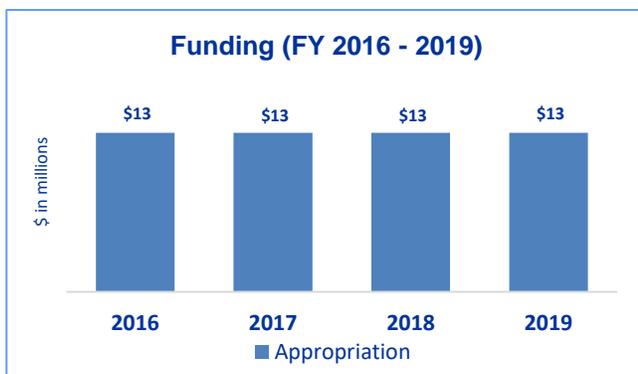
The FY 2019 budget request for USPC totals \$12.7 million, which is a 4.1% decrease from the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.

Organization:

USPC is managed by the USPC Chairman who, along with other commissioners, is appointed by the President with the advice of the Senate. USPC will reduce the number of its Commissioners from five to three in an effort to streamline the Commission. All USPC offices and staff are located in the District of Columbia. The staff carries out the USPC's operations and support functions.

Personnel:

USPC's direct positions for FY 2019 total 51 positions. USPC's FY 2019 request includes a decrease of -2 positions from the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution of 53 direct positions.



FY 2019 Strategy:

The FY 2019 strategy maintains the USPC's focus on returning low-risk non-violent offenders to parole or supervised release rather than prison when possible. However, USPC will continue to issue warrants for those that willfully violate the conditions of their release and for those with the most egregious behavior (typically tied to violence, child abuse, sex offenses, etc.). This approach keeps communities safe while returning low-risk offenders back to the community in a timely and cost efficient manner.

The USPC estimated the total prisoner and parolee population (including federal, D.C., and D.C. supervised releases), to be approximately 8,610 as of September 30, 2017. The D.C. population under the USPC's jurisdiction was 6,521, including 2,924 prisoners, and 3,597 parolees and supervised releases. The remaining 2,089 individuals consist of federal offenders (including federal prisoners, parolees, transfer treaty, and military justice offenders) and state probationers and parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program.

While the Parole Commission's workload depends heavily on the activities of its criminal justice partners, challenges are faced when addressing the need to reduce recidivism. As public safety is paramount, it is necessary to create programming that addresses the need to reduce violent crime, increase access to care for people with mental health conditions, and establish evidence-based programs designed to address the needs of all persons impacted by crime. Meeting the growing needs in post-conviction matters poses a challenge. The agency will be required to depend upon our community-based partners to identify how taking into account co-occurring disorders such as substance dependence, mental health conditions, the lack of treatment while incarcerated, and criminogenic risk factors impact involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Parole Commission will apply a holistic approach in examining these specialized cases before making a final decision, as the release authority. The agency will define a scope of reference or baseline framework, specialized skills, program design and implementation, that accounts for treatment over incarceration while accounting for public safety. The agency's strategy will significantly increase meeting the mission of reducing recidivism, addressing risk factors that contribute to criminal activity, and bridging persons to much needed treatment in the community.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for USPC. No program changes are requested.

FY 2019 Restructuring Initiatives:

Reduce Commissioners from 5 to 3: -\$331,000 and -2 positions

USPC will streamline its Commissioner cadre, reducing the group from five to three Commissioners.

Modernize USPC Hearings: -432,000 and 0 positions

The Commission would establish the routine use of video teleconference technology to host hearings remotely, generating savings in travel and time.

U.S. Parole Commission
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Parole Commission		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	56	56	13,308
2018 Continuing Resolution	53	53	13,218
2019 Request	51	51	12,672
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	-2	-2	-546
Technical Adjustments			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	65
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	65
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	91
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	25
Other Adjustments	-2	-2	-727
Total Base Adjustments	-2	-2	-611
2019 Current Services	51	51	12,672
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2019 Request	51	51	12,672

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Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	53	53	13,218	51	51	12,672
Total	53	53	13,218	51	51	12,672
Grand Total	53	53	13,218	51	51	12,672

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	0	0	0	51	51	12,672
Total	0	0	0	51	51	12,672
Grand Total	0	0	0	51	51	12,672