



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of Pardon Attorney (OPA)

FY 2020 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	\$4.5 million (19 positions; 11 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$187,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2020 Budget Request:	\$4.7 million (19 positions; 11 attorneys)
Change From FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	+\$187,000 (+4.2%)

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 petition. Executive clemency may take several forms including pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fine or restitution, and reprieve.

Resources:

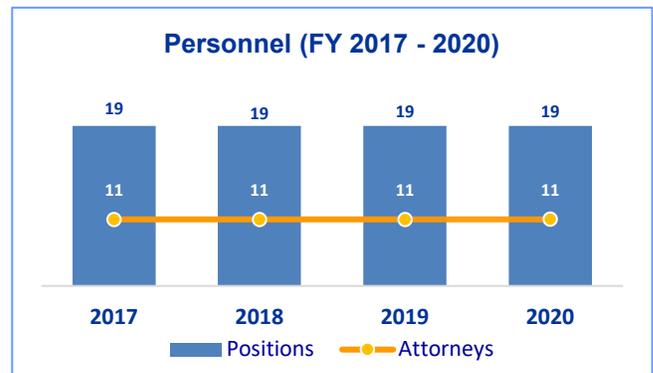
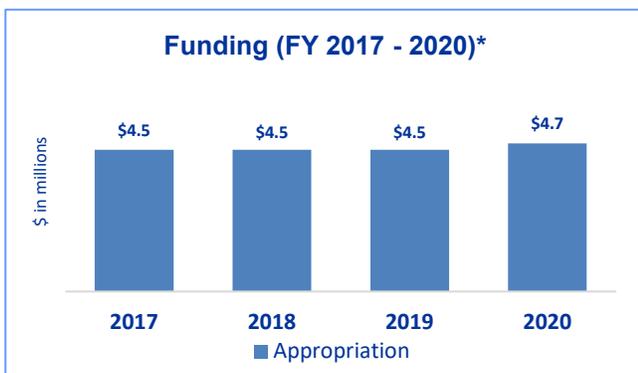
The FY 2020 budget request for OPA totals \$4.7 million, which is a 4.2% increase over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution.

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 2020 total 19 positions and are the same as the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution.



* FY 2019 annualized CR

FY 2020 Strategy:

In FY 2020, 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 end of FY 2018, OPA had a caseload of over 11,000 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 2020 budget request level is crucial to handle the unprecedented increase in workload over the past few years.

FY 2020 Program Changes:

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

Office of Pardon Attorney

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of Pardon Attorney		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2018 Appropriation	19	19	\$4,496
2019 Continuing Resolution	19	19	\$4,496
2020 Request	19	19	\$4,683
Change 2020 from 2019 Continuing Resolution	0	0	\$187
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	\$0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	64
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	13
Other Adjustments	0	0	110
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	\$187
2020 Current Services	19	19	\$4,683
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	\$0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	\$0
Total Program Changes	0	0	\$0
2020 Request	19	19	\$4,683

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Comparison by activity and program	2019 Continuing Resolution			2020 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	19	19	\$4,496	19	19	\$4,683
Total	19	19	\$4,496	19	19	\$4,683
Grand Total	19	19	\$4,496	19	19	\$4,683

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Total Program Changes			2020 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	0	0	\$0	19	19	\$4,683
Total	0	0	\$0	19	19	\$4,683
Grand Total	0	0	\$0	19	19	\$4,683