



## U.S. Attorneys (USA)

### FY 2020 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	\$2,136.8 million (11,221 positions; 5,838 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$84.4 million
Program Changes:	+\$33.4 million
FY 2020 Budget Request:	\$2,254.5 million (11,319 positions; 5,861 attorneys)
Change From FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	+\$117.8 million (+5.5%) (+98 positions; +23 attorneys)

#### Mission:

Under the direction of the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorneys serve as the Nation's principal litigators. Their offices bring criminal prosecutions, pursue civil penalties, defend federal programs, and guard the financial interests of the United States in court. They also provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General and senior policy leadership through the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and its various subcommittees. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) provides the United States Attorneys' offices (USAOs) with general executive assistance and direction, policy development, administrative management direction and oversight, operational support, training, and coordination with other components of the Department and other federal agencies.

#### Resources:

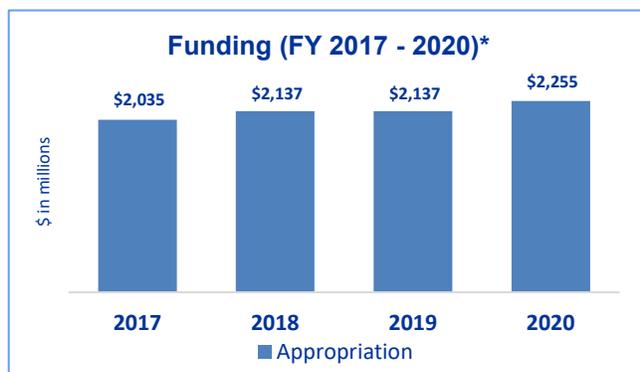
The FY 2020 budget request for USA totals \$2,254.5 million, which is a 5.5% increase over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution.

#### Organization:

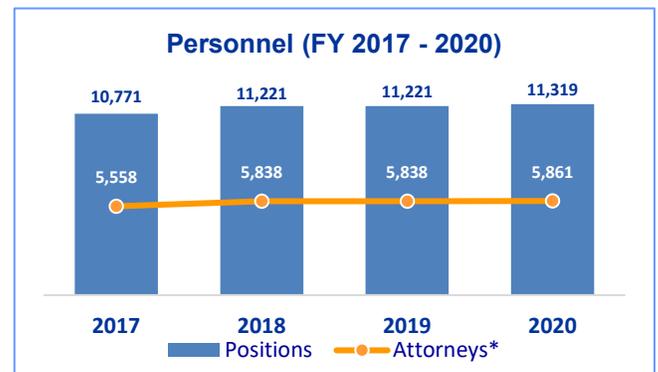
There are 93 U.S. Attorneys located throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. U.S. Attorneys are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. Attorney is assigned to each of the judicial districts, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, where a single U.S. Attorney serves both districts. Each U.S. Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer of the U.S. within his or her particular jurisdiction. EOUSA was created on April 6, 1953, by Attorney General Order 8-53, to provide for close liaison between the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and the 93 U.S. Attorneys.

#### Personnel:

The USA's direct positions for FY 2020 total 11,319 positions. USA's FY 2020 request includes an increase of 98 positions over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution of 11,221 direct positions.



\* FY 2019 annualized CR



\* Includes only direct attorneys. USA's FY 2020 request from all funding sources totals 13,196 positions, 6,857 attorneys.

## **FY 2020 Strategy:**

In FY 2020, USAs will promote the safety of the American people by prosecuting a diverse workload of federal criminal cases and will initiate and defend civil actions to assert and protect the interests of the United States.

The expansive criminal and civil workload includes cases involving international and domestic terrorism; illegal immigration; southwest border enforcement; violent crime; drug enforcement; opioid enforcement; firearms; gang prosecutions; transnational organized crime; Indian Country prosecutions; cybercrime prosecutions; human trafficking; and complex and multi-jurisdictional white collar crimes – including health care fraud, identity theft, public corruption, corporate fraud, and investment fraud. The USAs will also continue to collect both criminal and civil debt. In FY 2018, USAs collected a total of \$14.8 billion in criminal and civil debt.

Federal prosecution of crimes committed on our nation's northern and southwestern borders is a critical part of our national security. Border-related cases span a wide range of priorities, including felony and misdemeanor immigration cases, human trafficking, alien smuggling, firearms and ammunition trafficking, document fraud, drug offenses, and significant threats from designated criminal and terrorist organizations. In combating these challenges, USAs' efforts will focus aggressively on illegal immigration and violent crime.

For many years, the USAs have made criminal immigration prosecutions the largest category of criminal cases handled in their offices, and they will continue with those efforts. At the same time, the USAs are defending an increasing number of civil actions brought by immigration detainees who either are in deportation proceedings or are subject to final orders of deportation. Petitions for constitutionally required bond hearings brought by criminal aliens, challenges to denial of parole by arriving aliens, and expedited removal proceedings with respect to arriving aliens, present a growing challenge in the border states and at other locations with major cities and ports of entry. Defending these civil actions is critical to national security.

Violent crime will remain a high priority for the U.S. Attorneys. USAs continue to address the illegal use of firearms and other acts of violence in our communities. Drug prosecutions will continue to be a priority, with a particular emphasis on the operations of large drug organizations. USAs will leverage a multi-agency focus on reducing violent and gun-related crime in particularly hard-hit urban areas by using innovative means to locate individuals, organizations and gangs within specific high crime jurisdictions. Through partnerships of federal, state and local law enforcement, USA will utilize the tools and resources available to develop and implement strategies for eradicating violent crime wherever it may occur.

USA remains committed to doing its part to protect the American people from the impact of drugs and drug-related crime nationwide. USA will continue to conduct criminal and civil prosecutions resulting from the illegal prescription and dispensing of opioids, and to resolve complex cases involving Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

Additionally, USAs will continue to support Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) by taking a comprehensive, strategic approach to public safety by deterring and punishing gun and gang-related crime, thereby reducing violent crime in America. USAs will continue to sustain vital partnerships with federal,

state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors, and work jointly to identify and develop a coordinated plan of attack facing each district. USAs will continue to dedicate a PSN coordinator in each district.

## **FY 2020 Program Changes:**

**District Workload Productivity:** \$23.3 million and 0 positions  
Funding will be used to support the key priorities of the Administration in FY 2020 and sustain hiring and program operations funded in FY 2018.

**Violent Crime Prosecutions:** \$5.8 million and 60 positions  
Funding will provide for 60 support positions to assist with violent-crime and firearms prosecutions in high-crime districts that have seen a recent precipitous increase in violent crime, and to target the worst criminal organizations in order to address violent crime and gun-related deaths. The USAOs in districts with jurisdictions facing the most serious recent spikes and those with sustained high levels of violence will need additional positions to prosecute violent-crime cases. This request will support the efforts to reduce violent crime by providing additional resources to address these problems throughout our country. Additionally, these positions would increase the USAOs' capability to: target priority trigger-pullers and the "worst of the worst" violent offenders; dismantle street gangs that pose a threat to public safety; and ease burdens for local prosecutors by accepting more high priority firearms cases for federal prosecution. The positions will also enhance USAO's ability to remove violent offenders more quickly from the streets and assure their appropriate punishment, and disrupt and dismantle violent street gangs and crews in jurisdictions that are suffering from elevated levels of violence.

**Opioid Prosecutions:** \$4.3 million and 38 positions (23 attorneys)

Funding will provide for 38 positions to assist with resolving complex cases that result from the drug addiction and opioid crisis facing our nation. In addition to the direct harm caused by the abuse of opioid drugs diverted from legitimate use, it is clear that the use and abuse of prescription opioids is a factor leading to the use of other illegal substances. Among new heroin users, approximately three out of four report abusing prescription opioids prior to using heroin. The prosecution of those responsible for, and engaged in, criminal and related civil diversion activity is integral to public safety. As the number of personnel dedicated to diversion investigations has increased, the arrests and potential defendants identified for prosecution have also increased. The requested resources will help ensure that the USAOs will continue to generate cases for prosecution and will continue to pursue the highest administrative, civil and criminal sanctions available.

**U.S. Attorneys**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Attorneys		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2018 Appropriation</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>9,565</b>	<b>\$2,136,750</b>
<b>2019 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>10,215</b>	<b>\$2,136,750</b>
<b>2020 Request</b>	<b>11,319</b>	<b>10,358</b>	<b>\$2,254,541</b>
<b>Change 2020 from 2019 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>\$117,791</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
Expected Change from FY 2019 PB	0	94	0
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	54,512
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	29,891
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$84,403</b>
<b>2020 Current Services</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>10,309</b>	<b>\$2,221,153</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Increase District Workload Productivity	0	0	23,283
Violent Crime Prosecutions	60	30	5,801
Opioid Prosecutions	38	19	4,304
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$33,388</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$33,388</b>
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Comparison by activity and program	2019 Continuing Resolution			2020 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	8,617	7,697	\$1,597,554	8,617	7,777	\$1,661,516
Civil Litigation	2,551	2,465	512,373	2,551	2,479	531,946
Legal Education	53	53	26,823	53	53	27,691
<b>Total</b>	11,221	10,215	\$2,136,750	11,221	10,309	\$2,221,153
Reimbursable FTE	0	207	0	0	207	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	11,221	10,422	\$2,136,750	11,221	10,516	\$2,221,153

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Total Program Changes			2020 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	90	45	\$27,589	8,707	7,822	\$1,689,105
Civil Litigation	8	4	5,799	2,559	2,483	537,745
Legal Education	0	0	0	53	53	27,691
<b>Total</b>	98	49	\$33,388	11,319	10,358	\$2,254,541
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	207	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	98	49	\$33,388	11,319	10,565	\$2,254,541