



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2020 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	\$1,293.7 million (5,109 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$54.0 million
Program Changes:	+\$20.7 million
FY 2020 Budget Request:	\$1,368.4 million (5,123 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Change From FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	+\$74.7 million (+5.8%) (+14 positions)

Mission:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research, and use of technology.

Organization:

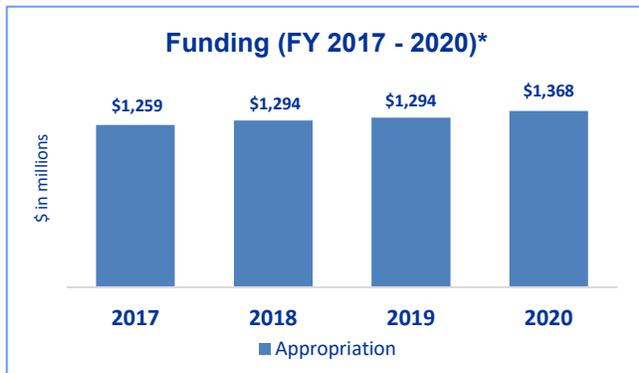
The ATF Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ATF operates a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence in 12 international offices in 8 countries.

Resources:

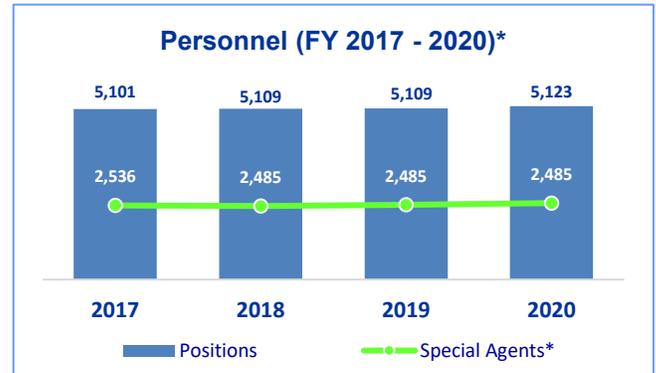
The FY 2020 budget request for ATF totals \$1,368.4 million, which is a 5.8% increase over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2020 total 5,123 positions. ATF's FY 2020 request includes a technical adjustment increase of 14 positions over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution of 5,109 direct positions.



*FY 2019 Annualized CR



*Includes direct positions only

FY 2020 Strategy:

In line with the Attorney General's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Initiative, the ATF Frontline Strategy ensures that Bureau resources are devoted to the most serious offenses and the most dangerous criminals. ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each of ATF's field divisions that define the significant violent crime problem(s) within each field division's area of responsibility, and proposes a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership (VCRP) – collaboration between ATF and its federal, state, and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives related crime. ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. ATF identifies, investigates and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. Also, ATF partners with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to target "trigger pullers" and remove violent offenders from America's streets.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority for ATF and, ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every United States border. ATF focuses on collaborative efforts with its federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime, disrupt, and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to, acts of arson and bombings. ATF's combination of Certified Fire Investigators (CFIs), accelerant detection canines, National Response Team (NRT), forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) provides a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center (USBDC), participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidated ATF's explosives expertise, training and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2020 request enhances public safety by focusing efforts to reduce violent crime in America's most vulnerable cities.

FY 2020 Program Changes:

National Integrated Ballistics Information Network

(NIBIN): \$10.7 million and 0 positions

Funding will allow expansion of the program to include additional NIBIN sites in FY 2020 and increased capacity at the National NIBIN Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). The NNCTC allows NIBIN network users to send imaged ballistic evidence to a single center that performs correlation services for participating partners. Centralizing the correlation process enables ATF to provide ballistic identification services for its law enforcement partners in a more accurate, efficient, and streamlined manner. Current services for this initiative are 21 positions and \$36.8 million.

Spartan: \$4.0 million and 0 positions

Funding will be used to support the operations and maintenance of the Spartan Case Management System. ATF is currently transitioning to Spartan from its legacy National Field Office Case Information System (NFOCIS), which has far exceeded operational life. ATF has used NFOCIS for nearly 20 years to collect, manage, analyze and report information resulting from criminal investigations, intelligence gathering efforts, and regulatory inspections. A report by the Inspector General concluded that the system's obsolescence has hindered ATF's ability to effectively manage operations and accurately measure performance. Spartan functionality for ATF's Industry Operations Investigators (IOI) was deployed into production in FY 2018 and ATF continues to update Spartan for criminal enforcement and industry operations functionality. Current services for this initiative are 0 positions and \$0.

Network Cyber Security Enhancements: \$3.0 million and 0 positions

Over 80% of the ATF's government owned network infrastructure is at, or past, its operational lifespan and now unsupported by the manufacturer, exposing ATF to significant cybersecurity vulnerabilities. This request will fund new IT modernization initiatives to improve the ATF's responsiveness to service requests from the public and state and local law enforcement and to support ATF's ability to respond to critical incidents. This will improve ATF's support for criminal investigations using video surveillance, eliminate single points of failure within field offices for processing requests and accessing information, and decrease backlogs for public and industry requests. Current services for this initiative are 0 positions and \$0.

Capital Equipment and Repair: \$3.0 million and 0 positions

Funding will be used to address the highest priority repair needs in existing ATF facilities. These funds are needed to repair and replace utilities systems and complete other infrastructure and repair projects necessary to keep ATF systems and structures secure and safe. Current services for this initiative are 0 positions and \$0.

FY 2020 Restructuring Initiatives

Transfer of Alcohol and Tobacco responsibilities to the Department of Treasury: \$0 and 0 positions

ATF responsibilities related to alcohol and tobacco enforcement will be transferred to the Department of Treasury Tax and Trade Bureau. The transfer of these mission sets to Treasury will have no effect on ATF positions or funding in FY 2020. This transfer will enable ATF to focus its efforts in preventing violent crime.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2018 Appropriation	5,109	5,083	\$1,293,776
2019 Continuing Resolution	5,109	5,083	1,293,776
2020 Request	5,123	5,109	1,368,440
Change 2020 from 2019 Continuing Resolution	14	26	74,664
Technical Adjustments	14	-33	25,860
Total Technical Adjustments	14	-33	\$25,860
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0		21,322
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	6,769
Foreign Expenses	0	0	9
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	\$28,100
2020 Current Services	5,123	5,050	\$1,347,736
Program Changes			
Increases:			
NIBIN	0	0	10,704
Spartan	0	0	4,000
Network Cyber Security Enhancements	0	0	3,000
Capital Equipment and repair	0	0	3,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	\$20,704
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	\$20,704
2020 Request	5,123	5,050	\$1,368,440

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Comparison by activity and program	2019 Continuing Resolution			2020 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,199	4,178	\$1,063,354	4,214	4,132	\$1,107,704
Investigative Support Services	910	905	230,422	909	918	240,032
Total	5,109	5,083	\$1,293,776	5,123	5,050	\$1,347,736
Reimbursable FTE	0	3	0	0	3	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	5,109	5,086	\$1,293,776	5,123	5,053	\$1,347,736

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Total Program Changes			2020 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	0	0	\$4,000	4,214	4,132	\$1,111,704
Investigative Support Services	0	0	16,704	909	918	256,736
Total	0	0	\$20,704	5,123	5,050	\$1,368,440
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	3	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	5	\$20,704	5,123	5,053	\$1,368,440