



U.S. Attorneys (USA)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2021 Enacted:	\$2,342.2 million (11,219 positions; 5,853 attorneys; 36 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$77.7 million
Program Changes:	+\$119.4 million
FY 2022 Budget Request:	\$2,539.2 million (11,534 positions; 6,013 attorneys; 36 agents)
Change From FY 2021 Enacted:	+\$197.1 million (+8.4%) (+315 positions; +160 attorneys)

Mission:

Under the direction of the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorneys (USAs) 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:

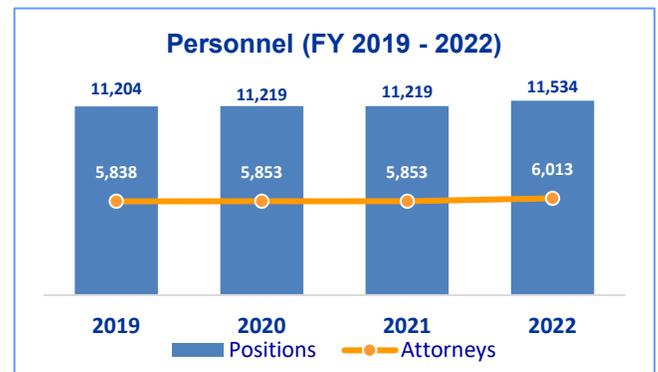
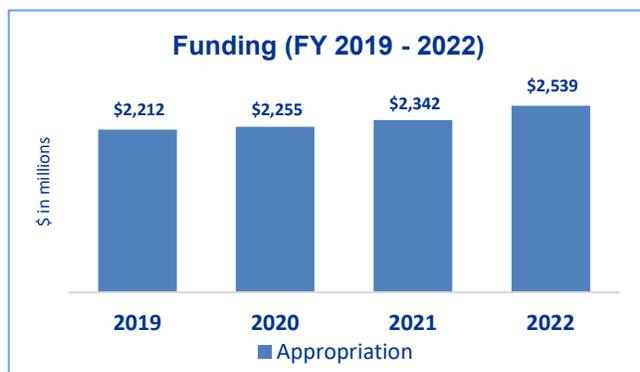
The FY 2022 budget request for USA totals \$2,539 million, which is a 8.4 percent increase over the FY 2021 Enacted.

Organization:

There are 93 USAs 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 USA is assigned to each of the judicial districts, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, where a single USA serves both districts. Each USA is the chief Federal law enforcement officer within his or her particular jurisdiction. The 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 USAs.

Personnel:

The USA's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 11,534 positions, including an increase of 315 positions over the FY 2021 Enacted of 11,219 direct authorized positions.



FY 2022 Strategy:

In FY 2022, the 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 workload includes cases involving international and domestic terrorism; targeted violence; 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 2020, collections totaled \$9.7 billion.

For many years, the USAs have made violent crime prosecutions the largest category of criminal cases handled in their offices, and they will continue with those efforts. Domestic Terrorism poses one of the most significant threats to our Nation. The United States Attorney's Offices, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and numerous components across the Justice Department play a critical role in identifying, disrupting, and holding accountable domestic extremists who engage in criminal conduct.

The USAOs' efforts continue to achieve tremendous results in combating fraud and protecting public rights and interests. The USAs expect the workload to rise dramatically in the coming years because of fraud associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented government spending for pandemic relief. It will take several years to discover and investigate sophisticated schemes involving large-dollar relief programs, complex healthcare fraud schemes that take advantage of pandemic regulatory waivers, and fraud in healthcare provider payments.

The USAs will continue to support Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) by taking a comprehensive, strategic approach to public safety to deter and punish gun and gang-related crime, thereby reducing violent crime in America. The USAs will also continue to dedicate a PSN coordinator in each district.

The USAs remain committed to efforts to protect the American people from the impact of drugs and drug-related crime nationwide. Drug prosecutions will continue to be a priority, with a particular emphasis on the operations of large drug organizations. The USAs 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.

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.

FY 2022 Program Changes:

COVID-related Fraud: \$26.4 million and 100 positions (100 attorneys)

Funding will be used to hire term Assistant United States Attorneys to investigate, disrupt, and potentially prosecute fraud related offenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The massive increase in fraud offenses have resulted in an unprecedented crisis around the country. The funding and positions will non-recur in the future. Anticipating the need to protect the integrity of taxpayer funds and to otherwise protect Americans from fraud, USAOs immediately stood up multiple efforts dedicated to identifying, investigating, and prosecuting such fraud. Funding will also be provided to the USAOs for contractual support, data analysis, and for consultant support to assist with criminal fraud cases. There are no FY 2022 Current Services for this initiative.

Domestic Terrorism: \$40.0 million and 100 positions (60 attorneys)

Funding will be used to combat domestic terrorism and to support an effort to modernize the USAOs' technological and case management systems. Funding is needed to provide the USAOs with additional prosecutors and support personnel to address the increase in terrorism-related federal prosecutions, litigation, and other court proceedings arising from cases associated with mass shootings, terrorism, threats, and potential violence or related violence, such as those cases stemming from the riots at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. There are no FY 2022 Current Services for this initiative.

McGirt Resources: \$33.0 million and 0 positions

Funding will be used to support necessary case related expenses for the affected USAOs to address the increase in caseload work resulting from the *McGirt v. Oklahoma* decision. The requested investment is critical to leading the effort to ensure and promote public safety in the Oklahoma tribal areas. It will restore the prosecutorial capacity of all USAOs to pre-*McGirt* levels, while also being properly responsive to the Department's new mission requirements in Oklahoma. FY 2022 Current Services for this initiative is approximately \$18.6 million.

eLitigation Initiative: \$20.0 million and 115 positions

Funding will be used to support the USAs' eLitigation practice through an integrated approach to litigating in the 21st Century. This encompasses the employee skills, training, and associated best practices, as well as the technology-based tools necessary to handle the identification, collection, processing, review, analysis, and presentation of evidence. This stride forward will require the USA community to focus on three key areas: people, processes, and technology. FY 2022 Current Services for this initiative is \$36.1 million and 160 positions (six attorneys).

U.S. Attorneys
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Attorneys		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2020 Appropriation	11,219	10,011	2,254,541
Supplemental Appropriation - CARES Act	0	0	3,000
2020 Enacted with Supplemental	11,219	10,011	2,257,541
2021 Enacted	11,219	10,222	2,342,177
2022 Request	11,534	10,381	2,539,248
Change 2022 from 2021 Enacted	315	159	197,071
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	66,537
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	11,154
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	77,691
2022 Current Services	11,219	10,222	2,419,868
Program Changes			
Increases:			
COVID-related Fraud	100	50	26,380
Domestic Terrorism	100	80	40,000
McGirt Resources	0	0	33,000
eLitigation Initiative	115	29	20,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	315	159	119,380
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	315	159	119,380
2022 Request	11,534	10,381	2,539,248

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Comparison by activity and program	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	8,619	7,700	1,763,880	8,619	7,700	1,815,648
Civil Litigation	2,547	2,469	557,797	2,547	2,469	576,983
Legal Education	53	53	20,500	53	53	27,237
Total	11,219	10,222	2,342,177	11,219	10,222	2,419,868
Reimbursable FTE		212			216	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	11,219	10,434	2,342,177	11,219	10,438	2,419,868
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		1,649			1,593	
FTE Grand Total		12,083			12,031	
Comparison by activity and program	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	229	127	99,644	8,848	7,827	1,915,292
Civil Litigation	86	32	17,656	2,633	2,501	594,639
Legal Education	0	0	2,080	53	53	29,317
Total	315	159	119,380	11,534	10,381	2,539,248
Reimbursable FTE					216	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	315	159	119,380	11,534	10,597	2,539,248
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>					1,593	
FTE Grand Total		159			12,190	