



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

FY 2018 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	\$1,237.6 million (5,101 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$22.1 million
Program Changes:	+\$14.0 million
FY 2018 Budget Request:	\$1,273.8 million (5,059 positions; 80 attorneys; 2,465 agents)
Change From FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	+\$36.1 million (+2.9%) (-42 positions; -1 attorney; -20 agents)

Mission:

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, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. 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 13 international offices in 8 countries.

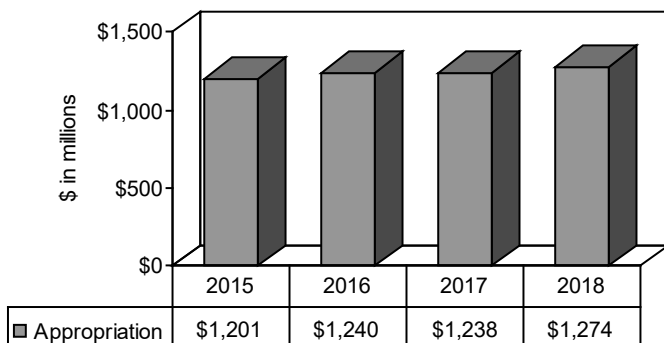
Resources:

The FY 2018 budget request for ATF totals \$1,274 million, which is a 2.9% increase over the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution.

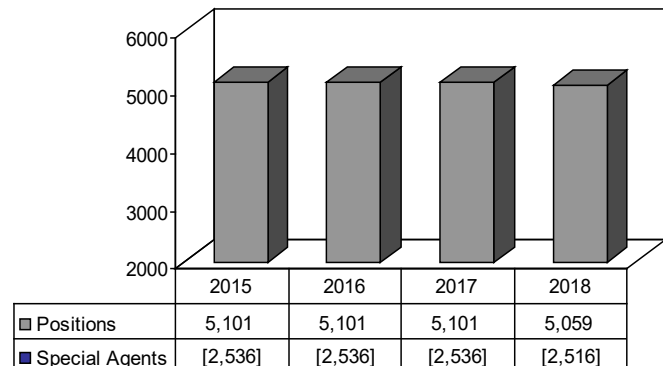
Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2018 total 5,059 positions. ATF's FY 2018 request includes a decrease of -42 positions from the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution of 5,101 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2015 - 2018)



Personnel (FY 2015 - 2018)



*Includes reimbursable Special Agents

FY 2018 Strategy:

In line with the President's Executive Orders on crime reduction, preventing violence against law enforcement, and enforcing federal law regarding transnational criminal organizations, 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 – 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, and tobacco and alcohol diversion activities. 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 and dismantle the "worst of the worst" violent criminal organizations, including transnational criminal organizations.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border. ATF focuses on collaborative efforts with its Federal, State and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and 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, accelerant detection canines, National Response Team, forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory provides a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. 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 2018 request enhances public safety by focusing efforts to reduce violent crime in America's most vulnerable cities, through the Crime Reduction Task Force. It also requests additional funding for expediting NFA applications for law-abiding citizens and strengthening the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network.

FY 2018 Program Changes:

Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force:

\$3.5 million and 0 positions

ATF requests \$3.5 million to support the President's February 9, 2017 Executive Order "Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety". The Task Force was created by the Attorney General on February 28, 2017. Requested resources will support the implementation of recommendations from the Task Force.

National Integrated Ballistics Information Network

(NIBIN): \$6.5 million and 0 positions

Funding would provide NIBIN with crime gun intelligence, training to state and local partners, additional office space, and equipment needed for operations. Current services for this initiative are 21 positions and \$30.3 million.

Expediting NFA Applications: \$4.0 million and 0 positions

Funding will enhance technical advancements needed to ensure the most accurate and timely firearm registrations to support the enforcement of the National Firearms Act and reduce violent crime by providing certifications in support of criminal trials. Current services for this initiative are 105 positions and \$16.2 million.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2016 Appropriation	5,101	5,042	1,240,000	5,101	5,042	1,240,000
2017 Continuing Resolution	5,101	5,028	1,240,000	5,101	5,028	1,240,000
2017 Rescission - 0.1901%	0	0	-2,357	0	0	-2,357
2017 Continuing Resolution	5,101	5,028	1,237,643	5,101	5,028	1,237,643
2018 Request	5,059	4,986	1,273,776	5,059	4,986	1,273,776
Change 2018 from 2017 Continuing Resolution	-42	-42	36,133	-42	-42	36,133
Technical Adjustments						
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Adjustments						
Pay & Benefits	-42	-42	12,553	-42	-42	12,553
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	9,129	0	0	9,129
Other Adjustments	0	0	500	0	0	500
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-79	0	0	-79
Total Base Adjustments	-42	-42	22,103	-42	-42	22,103
2018 Current Services	5,059	4,986	1,259,746	5,059	4,986	1,259,746
Program Changes						
Increases:						
Violent and Gun-Related Crime Reduction Task Force	0	0	3,530	0	0	3,530
National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN)	0	0	6,500	0	0	6,500
Expediting NFA Applications	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	14,030	0	0	14,030
Decreases:						
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	14,030	0	0	14,030
2018 Request	5,059	4,986	1,273,776	5,059	4,986	1,273,776

ATF Salaries & Expenses
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Comparison by activity and program	2017 Continuing Resolution			2018 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,248	4,187	1,030,585	4,227	4,166	1,048,990
Investigative Support Services	853	841	207,058	832	820	210,756
Total	5,101	5,028	1,237,643	5,059	4,986	1,259,746
Reimbursable FTE	0	52	0	0	52	0
Grand Total	5,101	5,080	1,237,643	5,059	5,038	1,259,746

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Total Program Changes			2018 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	0	0	0	4,227	4,166	1,048,990
Investigative Support Services	0	0	14,030	832	820	224,786
Total	0	0	14,030	5,059	4,986	1,273,776
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	52	0
Grand Total	0	0	14,030	5,059	5,038	1,273,776