



Community Relations Service (CRS)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2009 Enacted:	\$9.9 million (56 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$1.6 million (16% above FY 2009 Enacted)
FY 2010 Budget Request:	\$11.5 million (56 positions)
Change from FY 2009 Enacted:	+\$1.6 million (+16%) (+0 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the CRS is to serve as the Department's "peacemaker" for community conflicts and tensions arising from differences of race, color, and national origin. Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, CRS is the only federal agency dedicated to assist state and local units of government, private and public organizations, and community groups with preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions, incidents, and civil disorders, and in restoring racial stability and harmony. CRS facilitates the development of viable, mutual understandings and agreements as alternatives to coercion, violence, or litigation.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2010 totals \$11.5 million, which is a 16 percent increase from the FY 2009 enacted level.

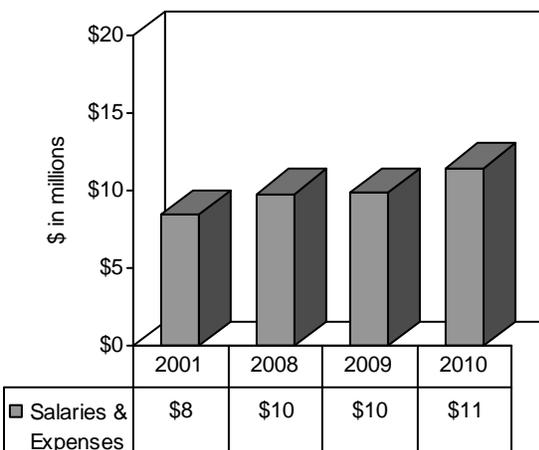
Organization:

CRS is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CRS has 10 regional offices and 4 field offices across the United States.

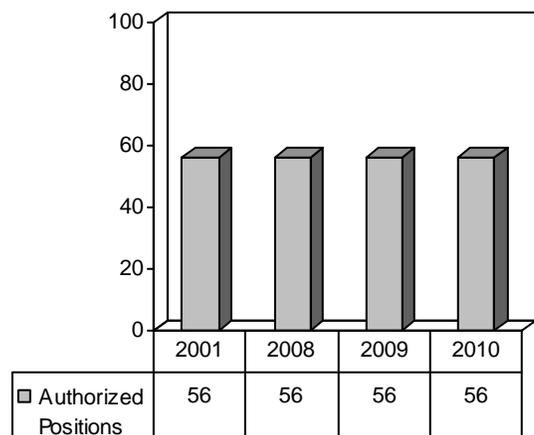
Personnel:

The CRS's direct authorized positions for FY 2010 total 56 positions, including 1 attorney. While the FY 2010 request does not include an increase in the number of authorized positions, funding is provided to ensure CRS may staff up to its authorized position ceiling.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2010)



Personnel (FY 2001 - 2010)



FY 2010 Strategy:

CRS serves as the Department’s “peacemaker” for community conflicts and tensions arising from real or perceived discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin. CRS provides specialized mediation and conciliation services to state, local and federal officials and communities throughout the United States. The CRS’s goal is to assist in resolving and preventing racial, ethnic and national origin community conflicts, violence, and civil disorder.

To carry out its mission, CRS has implemented several strategies, which are intended to effectively address the issues of discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin that impair the rights of people. Examples of various CRS strategies and programs include: Law Enforcement Mediation Skills Program; Anti-Racial Profiling Program; Arab-Muslim, Sikh (AMS) Cultural Awareness Program; and City-Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (City-SPIRIT) Program.

CRS must constantly reintroduce its services to community and local government leaders due to election turnover, term-limited positions, and a statutory mandate that prevents CRS from publicizing much of its work. Evolving community “flash points” increase the need to be knowledgeable and aware of the host of vulnerabilities that communities face. In sum, though, obstacles to entry and the fluctuating nature of jurisdictional conflicts do not deter CRS from offering its services to communities in need. Through skillful conciliation and mediation, CRS’ services can limit disruptions to community peace and stability. For any jurisdictional conflict, CRS stands ready to offers its conflict resolution services to communities across the United States.

FY 2010 Program Changes:

The FY 2010 Budget does not request a program change for CRS.

Financial Snapshot 2008

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	SALARIES AND EXPENSES		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2008 Enacted	56	56	\$9,794
2009 Enacted	56	56	9,873
2010 Request	56	56	11,479
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	0	0	1,606
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
Pay and Benefits	0	0	160
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	373
Other Adjustments	0	0	1,073
Subtotal Increases	0	0	1,606
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	1,606
2010 Current Services	56	56	11,479
2010 Request	56	56	11,479
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	0	0	1,606

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
(Dollars in thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2009 Enacted			2010 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention	56	56	\$9,873	56	56	\$11,479
Grand Total	56	56	\$9,873	56	56	\$11,479

Comparison by activity and program	Total Program Changes			2010 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention	0	0	\$0	56	56	\$11,479
Grand Total	0	0	\$0	56	56	\$11,479