



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2010 Budget Request

CIVIL RIGHTS LAW ENFORCEMENT

+ \$15.7 million in Enhancements

FY 2010 Overview

The FY 2010 Budget requests a \$15.7 million increase, including 60 attorneys, to reinvigorate federal civil rights enforcement. Additional staff will allow for vigorous pursuit of human trafficking crimes and unsolved civil rights era crimes. The FY 2010 Budget also provides for the increased enforcement of fair housing and fair lending laws; disability laws, and laws protecting institutionalized persons from unconstitutional treatment. In total, the budget requests an 18 percent increase in funding for the Civil Rights Division over FY 2009.

Our Nation's civil rights laws prohibit discriminatory conduct in a vast array of avenues, including voting, housing, access by the disabled to services and facilities, public accommodations, employment, education, activities that receive financial assistance, and the treatment of juvenile and adult detainees, as well as residents of public institutions. The federal civil rights laws also provide safeguards against criminal actions, such as trafficking in persons, official misconduct by law enforcement personnel, and bias motivated crimes. Historically, the Civil Rights Division has been the primary protector of the nation's anti-discrimination laws and has helped transform our nation by leading the fight against racial, ethnic, religious, and gender discrimination. This funding will restore the Civil Rights Division to its historic role in leading the enforcement of our civil rights laws.

New Investments

Civil Rights Division (CRT)

- **Strengthen Foundation of Civil Rights Program: \$6.0 million and 55 positions (29 attorneys).** The President has explicitly stated his desire to strengthen civil rights enforcement efforts that have eroded over the past eight years through enactment of unfunded mandates, funding transfers, and realignment of resources to address counterterrorism efforts. The President has pledged to staff the Civil Rights Division with qualified civil rights lawyers who will make it a priority once again to lead "the fight against racial, ethnic,

religious, and gender discrimination”. Additionally, other responsibilities of the Division have become chronically underfunded. Among these are employment cases involving racial discrimination, hate crime and official misconduct prosecutions, and violence and intimidation directed against religious houses of worship. FY 2010 current services resources for this program include 713 positions (324 attorneys) and \$129.7 million.

- **Human Trafficking: \$2.3 million and 20 positions (15 attorneys)** to enhance CRT’s anti-trafficking enforcement program. Each year, men, women and children are trafficked against their will across international borders, while others are trafficked into the United States. While the actual numbers are difficult to quantify, the complexity, magnitude and increased number of both investigations and cases requires the need for an increased dedication of resources. The increased resource level will lead to an increase in the number of investigations opened, the number of cases brought and the number of defendants charged. FY 2010 current services resources for this program includes 21 positions (18 attorneys) and \$3.1 million.
- **2010 Census Infrastructure: \$1.7 million** for technology upgrades in preparation for the release of the 2010 census data. Resources are needed to fund technology hardware upgrades, engineering support, and data conversion requirements. The technology hardware platform, currently in use to stage 2000 census production data, has reached its end-of-life cycle and is no longer supported. New hardware is needed to store and serve the large amount of census and geospatial data to CRT customers to meet many core mission requirements. FY 2010 program increase will enable the upgrade of the infrastructure for the 2010 Census.
- **Civil Rights for Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) Enforcement Efforts: \$1.0 million** to fund a combination of specialized consultants to address CRT’s responsibilities associated with the CRIPA. The Civil Rights Division investigates abuse, neglect, and inadequate care and treatment in public residential facilities and relies on expert assessments of conditions and practices in these facilities. The Division also seeks to ensure that persons with disabilities are transitioned in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. FY 2010 current services resources for this program total \$1.1 million.
- **Project Civic Access (PCA): \$1.8 million and 12 positions (5 attorneys)** to improve access to state and local governments for people with disabilities. PCA undertakes a systematic, comprehensive, and efficient approach to identifying violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and obtaining commitments by state and local governments to remedy these violations. Under the PCA settlement agreements, communities make a commitment to bring into compliance with Title II of the ADA and Section 504 a variety of public facilities and services. FY 2010 current

services resources for this program includes 36 positions (7 attorneys) and \$4.5 million.

- **Enhance Fair Housing and Fair Lending Enforcement: \$1.3 million and 6 positions (5 attorneys)** to fund the expansion of an initiative designed to enhance enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, particularly through increased use of the CRT's Fair Housing Testing Program and to fund increased fair lending enforcement. FY 2010 current services resources for this program include 13 positions, (3 attorneys) and \$1.9 million.
- **Unsolved Civil Rights Era Crimes: \$1.6 million and 9 positions (6 attorneys)** to support the establishment of the Cold Case Unit in the Civil Rights Division, to comply with the recently enacted Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, passed by Congress in October 2008. This new unit will focus exclusively on the investigation and prosecution of civil rights era unsolved homicide cases. FY 2010 requested program increase will establish baseline funding for this initiative.

FY 2010 Investment Summary
(Amount in \$000)

Bureau/Initiative	Positions	Attorneys	Amount
Civil Rights Division			
Restoration of Eroded Civil Rights Program Levels	55	29	\$6,033
Human Trafficking	20	15	\$2,300
2010 Census Infrastructure	0	0	\$1,704
CRIPA Enforcement Efforts	0	0	\$1,000
Project Civic Access	12	5	\$1,787
Enhance Fair Housing & Fair Lending Enforcement	6	5	\$1,254
Unsolved Civil Rights Era Crimes	9	6	\$1,645
Grand Total, New Investments	102	60	\$15,723