



Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF)

FY 2012 Budget Request at a Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$21.0 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,146.2 million (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$185.0 million (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2012 Budget Request:	\$21.0 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,331.2 million (Indefinite Authority)
Change From FY 2011 CR:	+\$185.0 million (Indefinite Authority)

Mission:

The AFF's mission is to enforce federal laws and prevent and reduce crime by disrupting, damaging and dismantling criminal organizations through the use of civil and criminal forfeiture. The program attempts to remove those assets that are essential to the operation of those criminal organizations and punish the criminals involved by denying them the use of the proceeds of their crimes.

Resources:

The FY 2012 budget request totals \$1,352.2 million, discretionary and mandatory, which is a 15.8 percent increase from the FY 2011 CR level. All AFF funding is provided through forfeiture activities. \$21 million of these funds are scored as discretionary and may be used for non-forfeiture related activities. Of the \$1,331.2 million scored as mandatory, \$711.2 million would be used to pay victims and third parties, share resources with state and local participants, and fund programs in support of the AFF. The remaining balance of \$620 million is proposed as a scorekeeping credit.

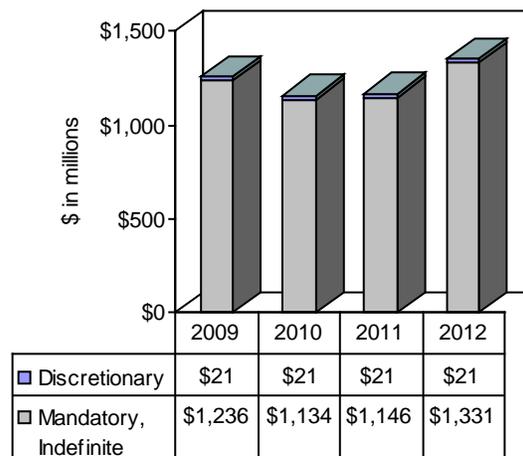
Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS) is in the Justice Management Division and is located in Washington, DC. AFMS oversees the AFF. AFMS also coordinates the financial and budgetary functions of the AFF with AFF member agencies, including the Criminal Division's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section and the U.S. Marshals Service. Allocation decisions for the AFF are made by the Attorney General, who has delegated the responsibility to the Deputy Attorney General.

Personnel:

The AFF has no directly funded personnel. However, the AFF funds 320 government positions, of which 20 are in AFMS, on a reimbursable basis.

Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)



FY 2012 Strategy:

The primary purpose of the AFF is to provide a stable funding base to support departmental forfeiture activities. Effective forfeiture activities ensure that assets used by criminals to support their activities are removed, hindering future actions. These include both physical assets and financial instruments.

In FY 2012, the AFF's aggressive forfeiture program will continue to remove assets from the control of criminals and criminal organizations. Similarly, the AFF will continue to support Department law enforcement agencies by providing a source of funding for forfeiture related activities and state and local task forces. As the AFF program has grown and matured, asset forfeiture has been used to attack the financial infrastructure of criminal enterprises, return funds to victims of large-scale fraud, and share forfeited property with state and local law enforcement agencies.

The AFF program is the primary source of funding to pay for state and local law enforcement officer participation in DOJ task forces. The AFF pays for overtime, vehicles, and other equipment of the state and local officers. Over 5,600 state and local law enforcement officers participate in DOJ task forces.

The AFF faces a number of challenges, internal and external. Among these is the increasing participation with foreign countries to investigate and repatriate illicit proceeds secreted overseas. While beneficial, these cases tend to be very difficult to negotiate and often take a significant time to finalize. Revenues into the AFF are also difficult to predict, particularly when there are large forfeiture cases with non-recurring deposits. These changes in revenues must be considered as the Fund is not allowed to operate at a deficit.

FY 2012 Program Changes:

There are no FY 2012 program changes for the AFF.

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Appropriated, Definite Authority			Permanent, Indefinite Authority			TOTAL		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2010 Enacted	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,151,810	0	0	1,172,800
2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,146,210	0	0	1,167,200
2012 Request	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,331,200	0	0	1,352,190
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	0	0	0	184,990	0	0	184,990
Adjustments to Base									
Increases:									
Subtotal Increases:	0	0	0	0	0	184,990	0	0	184,990
Decreases:									
Subtotal Decreases:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184,990
2012 Current Services	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,331,200	0	0	1,352,190
2012 Request	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,331,200	0	0	1,352,190
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	0	0	0	0	0	184,990	0	0	184,990

Assets Forfeiture Fund

(Dollars in thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Assets Forfeiture Fund	0	0	20,990	0	0	20,990
Total	0	0	20,990	0	0	20,990
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	20,990	0	0	20,990

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Assets Forfeiture Fund	0	0	0	0	0	20,990
Total	0	0	0	0	0	20,990
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	0	20,990