



Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF)

FY 2011 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2010 Enacted:	\$1,151.8 million (Indefinite Authority) \$ 21.0 million (Discretionary Authority)
FY 2011 DOJ Request:	\$1,146.2 million (Indefinite Authority) \$ 21.0 million (Discretionary Authority)
Change from FY 2010 Enacted:	+\$31.0 million (2.4%) (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 budget request for FY 2011 totals \$1.3 billion, discretionary and mandatory, which is a 2.4 percent increase from the FY 2010 enacted level. All AFF funding is provided through forfeiture activities. \$21 million of these funds are scored as discretionary and can be used for non-forfeiture related activities.

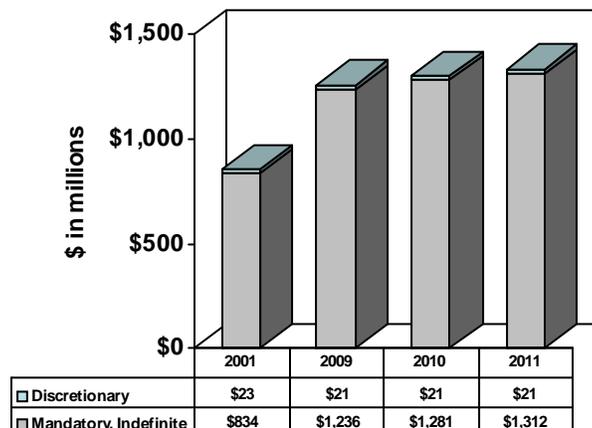
Organization:

The Assets Forfeiture Management Staff is under the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Controller and is located in Washington, DC.

Personnel:

The AFF has no directly funded personal. As a component of the Justice Management Division, all personnel are provided on a reimbursable basis from the Department's Working Capital Fund.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2011)



FY 2011 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 2011 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.

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 2011 Program Changes:

There are no FY 2011 program changes for the AFF.