



Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2014 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2012 Enacted:	\$20.9 million (Discretionary Authority)
	\$4,481 million (23 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2014 Budget Request:	\$20.9 million (Discretionary Authority)
	\$1,557 million (23 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
	-\$2,924 (-65.3%) million (Indefinite Authority)

Mission:

The Asset Forfeiture Program's (AFP) primary mission is to enforce Federal laws by using asset forfeiture consistently and strategically to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises, deprive wrongdoers of the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activity, deter crime, and restore property to crime victims while protecting individual rights. The AFP achieves this mission by providing Federal law enforcement agencies that participate in the program the tools, policies, and funding to fight crime through forfeiture.

Resources:

All AFP funding is provided through forfeiture activities. \$20.9 million of these funds are scored as discretionary and may be used for non-forfeiture related activities. The \$1,557 million, which is scored as mandatory, will be used to pay victims and third parties, share resources with state and local participants, and fund programs in support of the AFP. In addition, \$675 million is proposed as a scorekeeping credit to DOJ's discretionary Budget Authority.

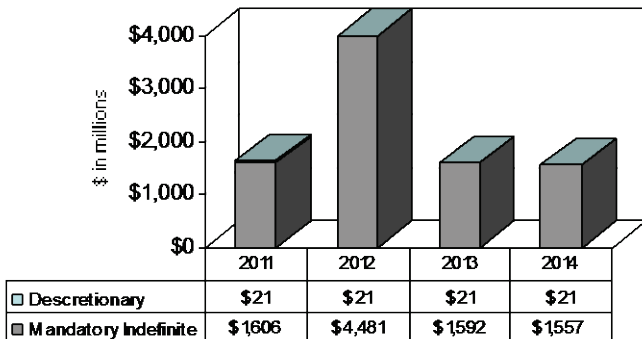
Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS) is in the Justice Management Division and is located in Washington, DC. AFMS manages all financial and budgetary aspects of the Assets Forfeiture Fund, along with information systems and nationwide forfeiture support contracts. Participating agencies of the AFP include the Criminal Division's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, United States Marshals Service, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, and several other Federal law enforcement agencies. Allocation recommendations are forwarded to the Deputy Attorney General by AFMS through the Justice Management Division.

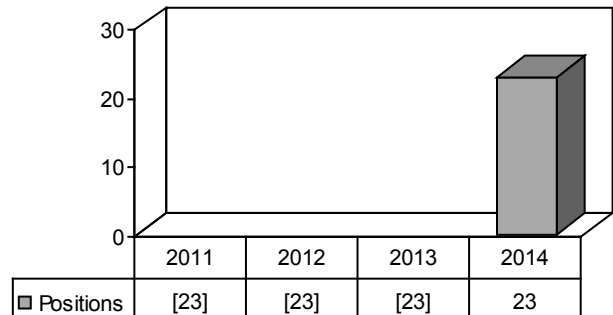
Personnel:

AFMS has 23 personnel funded through the Assets Forfeiture Fund. An additional 412 government positions dedicated to forfeiture-related activities within other components are funded through the Assets Forfeiture Fund. Prior to FY 2012, AFMS positions were funded on a reimbursable basis through the Department's Working Capital Fund, using funds from the Assets Forfeiture Fund.

Funding (FY 2011 - 2014)



Personnel (FY 2011 - 2014)



FY 2014 Strategy:

In FY 2014, the Department's forfeiture program will continue to play a critical and key role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims.

Investigating and forfeiting criminal assets can be a long and complex process. By combatting the crime of money laundering, organized crime is deprived of the profits of crime. The fight against money laundering combined with the law enforcement tool of asset forfeiture accomplishes many important goals, such as: keeping drugs off of our playgrounds and away from our children; safeguarding the human dignity of women and children trafficked into forced labor and prostitution; and preventing the funding of terrorist activity. The challenges facing law enforcement in today's environment are immense. We must provide our investigators and prosecutors all the legal and regulatory tools necessary to keep up with, and ahead of, those who launder the proceeds of crime. To effectively combat criminal activity, law enforcement must have the means that are at least as sophisticated, if not more so, than the criminals. The strategic use of asset forfeiture can provide critical assistance for overcoming these demanding challenges and ensuring there is no safe haven for criminal proceeds.

The AFP is the primary source of funding to pay for state and local law enforcement officer participation in DOJ task forces. The AFP pays for overtime, vehicles, and other equipment of the state and local officers. Over 6,300 state and local law enforcement officers participate in DOJ task forces.

The AFP 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 can be difficult to negotiate and often take a significant amount of time to finalize. Revenues into the Assets Forfeiture Fund are also difficult to predict, particularly when there are large forfeiture cases with non-recurring deposits. These unpredictable changes in revenues must be carefully considered prior to providing participating agencies with forfeiture budget authority, as the Fund is not allowed to operate at a deficit.

FY 2014 Program Changes:

Discretionary Authority

The FY 2014 Current Services for this initiative are 23 positions and \$20.9 million.

Adjustment to FY 2014 Estimate: -\$2,924 million and 0 positions. Current FY 2014 estimates are -2,924 million below the FY 2012 level. This adjustment is due to FY 2012 receipts and obligations related to extraordinarily large cases. The overall expense estimate for mandatory expenses is \$1,557 million, which will support allowable expenses of the Fund.

Asset Forfeiture Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Permanent Indefinite Authority			Discretionary Authority			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE**	Amount
2012 Enacted	[23]	23	4,480,757	0	0	20,948	[23]	23	4,501,705
2013 Continuing Resolution	[23]	22	1,591,993	0	0	21,076	[23]	22	1,613,069
2014 Request	23	22	1,556,996	0	0	20,948	23	22	1,577,944
Change 2014 from 2012 Enacted	0	0	-2,923,761	0	0	0	0	0	-2,923,761
Technical Adjustments									
Adjustment - 2013 CR 0.612%	0	0	0	0	0	-128	0	0	-128
Total Technical Adjustments	[0]	0	0	0	0	-128	[0]	0	-128
Base Adjustments									
Total Base Adjustments	[0]	0	0	0	0	0	[0]	0	0
2014 Current Services	23	22	4,480,757	0	0	20,948	23	22	4,480,757
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decreases:									
Adjustment to FY 2014 Estimate	0	0	-2,923,761	0	0	0	0	0	-2,923,761
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-2,923,761	0	0	0	0	0	-2,923,761
Total Program Changes	0	0	-2,923,761	0	0	0	0	0	-2,923,761
2014 Request	23	22	1,556,996	0	0	20,948	23	22	1,577,944

* The 2013 Continuing Resolution includes the 0.612% funding above current rate, provided by P.L. 112-175, sec. 101 (c).

** The FTE for FY 2012 is actual and for FY 2013 and FY 2014 are estimates.

