



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2016 Budget Request

ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

+\$43 Million in Program Increases

FY 2016 Overview

The Department's mission and responsibility is to investigate and punish those who break federal laws and harm innocent citizens. Continued investments to uphold its commitments and obligations are needed to strengthen the Department's ability to protect the health and well-being of our nation's citizens, and have the flexibility to address threats as they emerge; simply maintaining existing law enforcement capacity is not sufficient. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, the Department requests \$43 million in additional investments to address violent crime and illicit drugs, along with health care fraud and environmental crime.

Investments to Combat Violent Crime (\$14 million): The budget supports the President's gun safety initiatives. The number of Federal Firearms Licensee and National Firearms Act applications continues to increase every year (nearly 143,000 licenses and over 220,000 applications in FY 2014). The request includes funding for additional advancements in capacity, efficiency, and production of firearms tracing and all aspects of National Firearms application processing. It also provides base funding to support the retention of special agents and industry operations investigators hired in FYs 2014 and 2015 to prevent the illegal use and trafficking of firearms.

Investments to combat violent crime also include resources for the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to investigate violations of the Adam Walsh Act and assists state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions in locating and apprehending an estimated 100,000 non-compliant sex offenders. Funding is also requested to expand officer safety training for USMS operational officers and task force officers.

Investments to Combat Illicit Drugs (\$23 million): The budget supports a strong response to the uptick in heroin abuse and other emerging drug trends, including additional resources for DEA's deconfliction and information sharing to attack the full range of drug trafficking threats. From 2003 to 2013, the number of heroin users more than doubled from 314,000 to 681,000 users. The Department's request also provides increases to thwart international drug trafficking organizations, which continue to exploit financial markets, intellectual property, and the energy sector, as well as other legitimate sectors and markets. The request includes resources to pay for state and local clandestine laboratory cleanup program.

Investments for Litigation Enforcement (\$5.5 million): For the Department's litigating divisions, the budget requests funding to enforce laws that address international piracy of intellectual property (IP), health care fraud, and wildlife trafficking. Each year, industry loses hundreds of

billions of dollars due to counterfeiting and global trade of illegitimate goods. The request augments the Criminal Division's efforts in combatting international piracy of IP. The Civil Division is a leading player in the efforts to combat health care fraud and has returned billions of dollars to the Federal Government in the past several years. To expand on this success, the Department requests additional staff to handle the increasing number of cases referred to the Civil Division. Finally, to address the increase in wildlife trafficking referrals and caseload as a result of the President's *National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking*, the Department seeks to strengthen the Environment and Natural Resources Division's enforcement and capacity building efforts and increase the number of wildlife offenders prosecuted.

FY 2016 Program Increases

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

- **Address Deficiencies in Martinsburg/National Firearms Center: \$8 million and 10 Positions**

Resources will support maintenance and advancements of operations, capacity, efficiency, and production at the ATF National Firearms Center located in Martinsburg, WV. The request will provide additional human capital and resources to provide shorter processing times and improve performance for various licensing functions, including imports and National Firearms Act (NFA) applications, in an environment where the demands for the services continues to grow. It will also close existing gaps in the areas of crime gun tracing, firearms and explosives services, and licensing activities. The current services for this initiative are 796 positions (410 agents) and \$188.7 million.

- **Staffing Restoration: [\$30.2 million]**

While not considered a program increase and therefore not included in the above total, the request funds the continued hiring of Special Agents and Industry Operations Investigators. These positions will promote gun safety by investigating and preventing the illegal use and trafficking of firearms and by regulating the firearms industry to ensure that Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and permittees conduct business in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)

- **Adam Walsh Act (AWA): \$5 million**

Funds are requested for non-personnel costs associated with training, operations, and licensing fees. This funding will allow the USMS to support training and continuing education for the USMS Sex Offender investigators; cover costs to plan and execute operations that require extensive coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and pay for licensing fees and costs associated with current sex offender tracking databases and computer programs required by investigators to fulfill the Adam Walsh Act (AWA) mission. The current services for this initiative are 211 positions and \$56 million

- **Law Enforcement Training Program: \$1.5 million**
Following the deaths of two Deputy U.S. Marshals and seven task force officers in FY 2011, the USMS established the Law Enforcement Safety Training Program, including the development of High Risk Fugitive Apprehension Training Program. This is an intensive and comprehensive curriculum in advanced tactics, operational planning and communications, and trauma medicine. This funding will allow the USMS to continue building upon officer safety and expand the training to more USMS operational employees and task force officers. There are no current services for this initiative.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

- **Deconfliction and Information Sharing: \$7 million**
Requested funding will allow DEA to improve its deconfliction and information sharing capabilities to attack the full range of drug trafficking threats, including heroin and other emerging drugs. The funds will expand DEA's case management and deconfliction systems, and enhance the IT infrastructure at the DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center. The current services for this initiative are 185 positions and \$18.5 million.
- **International Drug Enforcement Priorities: \$12 million and 9 positions (5 agents)**
Resources included in this enhancement will allow DEA to maintain and enhance its most valuable international drug enforcement tools. The enhancement supports the creation of a new financial investigation unit as part of DEA's Bilateral Investigation Unit at the Special Operations Division. Additionally, funding is included for vetting, program coordination, and investigative technology improvements for existing Sensitive Investigative Units. The current services for this initiative are 32 positions and \$32.2 million.

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

- **DEA Meth Lab Cleanup: \$4 million**
With funding from the COPS program, DEA supports state and local law enforcement with methamphetamine-related assistance and training. This allows state and local agencies to better address the methamphetamine threat in their communities and reduce the impact that methamphetamine has on the quality of life for American citizens. By providing training in the techniques of clandestine laboratory drug enforcement and hazardous waste cleanup, DEA is able to expand drug enforcement across the United States in a very cost-effective manner. While these programs are administered by DEA, DOJ's Community Oriented Policing Services budget includes a total \$11 million for DEA's operational costs of the state and local cleanup program.

Criminal Division

- **Intellectual Property: \$2 million and 11 positions (7 attorneys)**
This request supports the Criminal Division in combating international piracy of IP. Industry loses hundreds of billions of dollars each year due to the counterfeiting and global trade of illegitimate goods. IP theft also reduces the incentive for innovation and

creativity within the US economy. The request is for 11 additional positions, including two International Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property (ICHIP) coordinators (formerly known as Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordinators or IPLECs), who will be cross-designated as DOJ Attachés. These positions will allow the Department to quickly address IP threats when they are first noticed and stop them abroad more readily. The current services for this initiative are 19 positions (16 attorneys) and \$4.5 million.

Civil Division

- **Health Care Fraud Enforcement: \$1 million and 15 positions (7 attorneys)**
The Civil Division is a leading player in the Federal Government's efforts to combat health care fraud. Civil's longstanding track record of success in enforcing anti-fraud laws has returned billions of dollars to the Federal Government in the past several years. However, to continue and to expand on this success, Civil needs additional staff to handle the increasing number of whistleblower cases and the increasing number of cases derived from innovative fraud detection tools. The current services for this program are \$1.2 million.

Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)

- **Wildlife Tracking Initiative: \$2 million and 2 positions (2 attorneys)**
The Department has taken a leadership role in the recently invigorated high-profile, world-wide, multinational efforts to combat wildlife trafficking and related transnational organized crime activities. In February 2014, the President released the *National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking*, which identifies three key priorities: strengthening domestic and global enforcement; reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife; and building international cooperation and public-private partnerships. The FY 2016 budget request seeks funds for ENRD to implement the *National Strategy* and to sustain related Wildlife Trafficking investigations, prosecutions, training, and enforcement capacity building efforts. There are no current services for this initiative.

FY 2016 Program Increases Summary
(Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	Amount
Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms			
Address Deficiencies in Martinsburg/National Firearms Center	10	0	\$8,135
Base Pay Adjustment	0	0	[30,192]
Subtotal, ATF	10	0	\$8,135
U.S. Marshals Service			
Adam Walsh Act	0	0	\$4,735
Law Enforcement Safety Training Program	0	0	1,500
Subtotal, USMS	0	0	\$6,235
Drug Enforcement Administration			
Deconfliction and Information Sharing	0	0	\$7,351
International Drug Enforcement Priorities*	9	5	12,019
Subtotal, DEA	9	5	\$19,370
Community Oriented Policing Services			
DEA Meth Lab Cleanup	0	0	\$4,000
Subtotal, COPS	0	0	\$4,000
Criminal Division			
Intellectual Property	11	7	\$2,205
Subtotal, CRM	11	7	\$2,205
Civil Division			
Health Care Fraud Enforcement	15	7	\$1,341
Subtotal, CIV	15	7	\$1,341
Environment and Natural Resources Division			
Wildlife Trafficking Initiative	2	2	\$2,000
Subtotal, ENRD	2	2	\$2,000
Total, Program Increases	47	21	\$43,286

*Of the total \$12 million program increase, \$3.9 million for the Bilateral Investigations Units is also included in the National Security total.