



**U.S. Department of Justice
FY 2023 Budget Request**

**Protect Civil Rights: Reform and Strengthen the Criminal Justice and
Juvenile Justice Systems to Ensure Fair and Just Treatment
(Amounts in \$000s)**

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
Body Worn Cameras (BWC)			
General Administration (GA)	2	2	3,000
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)	6	6	13,708
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)	54	7	19,769
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	102	1	27,351
U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)	54	32	42,515
Subtotal, Body Worn Cameras (BWC)	218	48	\$106,343
Community Relations Service (CRS)			
Nationwide Expansion	19	0	\$1,200
Subtotal, Community Relations Service	19	0	\$1,200
Subtotal, Federal Programs	237	48	\$107,543
GRANTS			
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)			
Just Policing Program	0	0	23,000
Subtotal, Community Oriented Policing Services	0	0	23,000
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)			
Accelerating Justice System Reform	0	0	300,000
National Institute of Justice	0	0	51,190
Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare	0	0	30,000
Children Exposed to Violence Awareness and Intervention	0	0	30,000
Competitive Grants for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System	0	0	20,000
Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success	0	0	15,000
Subtotal, Office of Justice Programs	0	0	446,190
Subtotal, Grants	0	0	469,190
Total Program Enhancements	237	48	\$576,733

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The criminal and juvenile justice systems play a crucial role in protecting communities, seeking justice for victims, and promoting the rule of law at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels. However, distrust in law enforcement and criminal justice agencies has hampered the Department's ability, as well as those of its State and local partners, to work collaboratively with those most affected by violent crime. To address these issues, the Department's FY 2023 Budget proposes **\$576.7 million and 237 positions (48 agent/attorneys)** to establish new programs and enhance existing programs that will improve and promote reform across the justice system, including through enhanced mediation and conciliation services for those communities affected by conflict.

As part of this request, the Department's FY 2023 budget proposes \$106.3 million in additional funding across eight components to support the deployment of body-worn cameras (BWC) to the Department's Federal agents and task force partners in State and local law enforcement, as well as funding for an impact evaluation to assess the role of BWC in advancing criminal justice reform. This initiative is a signature effort of this Department to deepen police-community trust and to further protect law enforcement officers nationwide.

In addition to these enhancement requests, the FY 2023 budget redirects \$72.0 million in base funds within the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to hire additional First Step Act (FSA) staff to deepen the BOP's rehabilitative work and to advance the valuable purposes of that bipartisan Act. Hiring sufficient teachers, psychologists, and other programming staff is critical to the BOP's implementation of the FSA's programming and criminal justice reform mandates. In FY 2023, the BOP will hire 590 additional FSA staff with these existing FSA funds.

The Budget will propose to create a new grant program, Accelerating Justice System Reform, which provides State, local, and Tribal governments with additional resources to invest in crime prevention.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF): \$13.7 million and 6 positions (6 agents)

Body Worn Cameras

This request will provide funding and positions to allow the ATF to support digital cloud storage of BWC video for both task officers and ATF special agents under the requirements set forth in the June 7, 2021, Department Body-Worn Camera Policy. Resources will also support the creation of the ATF Digital Evidence Management Branch, which will manage all digital inventory, ensure information integrity and security, and promulgate policy and best practices for BWC data management. *Current services are \$1.0 million.*

Community Relations Service (CRS): \$1.2 million and 19 positions

Mediation and Conciliation Services for Community Conflict

This funding will be used to enhance the CRS' ability to support communities working to reduce tensions and conflicts, improve police-community relations, and prevent and respond to bias incidents and hate crimes. This increase in resources will also enable the CRS to respond to an additional number of stakeholder requests to support peaceful protests, improve police-community relations, and address sources of systemic inequality.

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The increase will also strengthen the CRS' capacity to support communities across the United States working to prevent and respond to bias incidents and hate crimes. *Current services are \$22.0 million and 70 positions.*

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): \$19.8 million and 54 positions (7 agents)

Body Worn Cameras

This request establishes a BWC program for Special Agents and task force officers within the DEA. Funding will expand on Phase One of the DEA's BWC program planned for FY 2022 by deploying the program agency-wide. These BWC resources will also support staffing and management, camera hardware and accessories, and technical and legal support. *Current services are \$2.0 million.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): \$27.4 million and 102 positions (1 agent)

Body Worn Cameras

This request supports the FBI's implementation of a BWC program for all FBI Special Agents. BWCs are critical tools that enhance law enforcement transparency and accountability, and this technology would enable the FBI to further that commitment to the public. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

General Administration (GA): \$3.0 million and 2 positions (2 attorneys)

Body Worn Camera Oversight Office: \$1.0 million and 2 positions (2 attorneys)

This request provides oversight over the expansion of the use of BWCs by Federal agents in FY 2023. The office will develop Department-wide BWC policies and provide oversight to ensure consistent implementation of these policies by components. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Body Worn Camera Evaluation via National Institute of Justice (NIJ): \$2.0 million

The Department requests \$2.0 million to reimburse the NIJ for a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the Department's BWC program. As the research, development, and evaluation agency of the Department, the NIJ is uniquely capable of evaluating the BWC program. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

U.S. Marshals Service (USMS): \$42.5 million and 54 positions (32 agents)

Body Worn Cameras

This request supports the continuing evolution of the USMS' BWC program. Funding will allow the USMS to implement a video management solution that will provide capability to share BWC recordings as digital data; deliver a robust end-to-end solution for the USMS to access, manage, and report data in response to an authorized request; and perform redaction, video management, and audit capabilities. This initiative will equip deputized State and local Task Force Officers to use BWCs while supporting USMS enforcement missions and require specifically designated Deputy U.S. Marshals to use BWCs while performing certain USMS enforcement operations. *Current services are \$4.4 million.*

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Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS): Total \$23.0 million

Just Policing Program

This new program will expand upon current, effective approaches within law enforcement agencies that promote justice in policing and the reform of organizational culture, practices, and recruitment to build trust and legitimacy. The Just Policing Program will support agency and national-level initiatives in reform efforts related to core topics, including: agency accreditation; officer certification; workforce diversification; de-escalation and use-of-force policy and tactics relating to policing protests that protect First Amendment rights; recruitment and retention; civilian review and oversight; and differential response models that capitalize on multidisciplinary engagement in areas such as crisis intervention. *There are no current services for this program.*

Office of Justice Programs (OJP): Total \$446.2 million (+\$372.2 million)

Accelerating Justice System Reform: Total \$300 million

The Department requests \$300.0 million for this new discretionary grant program; this funding represents the first year of a new ten-year Accelerating Justice System Reform program, with a total of \$14.7 billion in mandatory funding requested over the following nine years. This program will provide state, local, and tribal governments with additional resources to invest in communities that address justice systems reforms that promote equity, foster community trust, and reduce disparate impacts on people of color and other historically disadvantaged communities. This program is part of a proposed \$30 billion in mandatory investments for law enforcement and crime prevention.

National Institute of Justice: Total \$51.2 million (+\$10.2 million)

The Department requests \$10.2 million to support two research initiatives that will be spearheaded by the OJP's National Institute of Justice, increasing its funding to a total of \$51.2 million in FY 2023. The first initiative will support a research series examining the impact of extractive industries on crime and victimization impacting American Indian and Alaska Native people in Indian country in the lower 48 and Alaska and Alaska Native Villages (\$2.0 million). In addition, the request supports a transfer from the BOP to support the NIJ's research and evaluation of FSA-related programs and activities (\$8.2 million). This funding is needed to support mandates in the FSA, including but not limited to, an annual review and validation of the risk and needs assessment system, and ongoing research and data analysis of evidence-based recidivism reduction programs offered to individuals under BOP custody. Funds could also be used to support research and evaluation of risk assessments, reentry programming, and related issues that could inform policy and practice. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Total \$30.0 million

The Department requests \$30.0 million to establish a new program that will assist communities in assessing the issues regarding dual status youth and implementing strategies to address their complex needs. "Dual status youth" are those who come into contact with both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, which includes foster care and other child protective services. The requested funding will support the development of trauma-informed programs at different points in the juvenile justice system to provide needed services to these youth and support necessary collaboration efforts to ensure that the two systems are working together to streamline processes; to develop comprehensive treatment plans while ensuring public safety; and to engage families to

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build towards healing and self-sufficiency. *There are no current services for this program.*

Children Exposed to Violence Awareness and Intervention: Total \$30.0 million (+\$12.0 million)

The Department requests an increase of \$12.0 million for this program, bringing total funding to \$30.0 million in FY 2023. Childhood exposure to violence is known to increase the risk of physical and behavioral health challenges, further victimization, and adult criminal justice system involvement, and perpetuates the cycle of violence. This program, along with its supporting increase, will allow for a renewed, multi-pronged approach to increasing awareness, understanding, and intervention related to children's exposure to violence. Building on the OJP's previous work on the Changing Minds Initiative, this program will expand efforts to raise awareness about immediate and long-term impact that exposure to violence has on children and youth, restart the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence to increase understanding of the issue, and promote evidence-informed, school-based approaches to addressing youth violence and victimization. *Current services are \$18.0 million.*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget investment of \$10.0 million, which is still essential to our FY 2023 request.

Competitive Grants for Girls in the Justice System: Total \$20.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

The Department requests an enhancement of \$5.0 million for this program, bringing total funding to \$20.0 million in FY 2023. This program reduces risk factors and promotes protective factors for girls who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, and places them on a path toward success through evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. The earlier that risk factors are addressed, the greater the likelihood of a successful outcome. The requested increase will support additional grant awards to non-profit organizations including outreach and prevention services providers and victim-focused providers, juvenile justice agencies, and local law enforcement agencies; identification of promising evidence-based practices; and training and technical assistance for grantees. *Current services are \$15.0 million.*

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Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success: Total \$15.0 million

The Department requests \$15.0 million for this new program, which will support grants to State, local, and Tribal public agencies, and private organizations, including juvenile courts, justice agencies, defender services, and non-profit organizations, that will aid justice-system-involved youth in setting aside (i.e., expunge, seal, or vacate) their juvenile records. Setting aside juvenile records in appropriate cases helps justice-involved youth realize educational attainment, maintain gainful employment, and secure housing, which are all critical factors to successful reentry and transition into adulthood. *There are no current services for this program.*

For additional information, please consult the FY 2023 Budget and Performance Summary.