



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2023 Budget Request

Keep Our Country Safe: Combat Violent Crime and Gun Violence (Amounts in \$000s)

Component / Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)			
Industry Operations Investigators (IOI) Regulatory Enforcement and Diversion Control	183	2	\$20,137
Combating Gun Violence	148	124	53,745
National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and Crime Gun Intelligence	16	0	21,208
National Tracing Center (NTC) Modernization	13	0	14,424
Subtotal, ATF	360	126	\$109,514
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)			
Transnational Organized Crime	3	3	\$5,476
DNA Capability	0	0	10,108
Cell Site Simulators	0	0	3,681
National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)	70	0	6,234
Subtotal, FBI	73	3	\$25,499
U.S. Attorneys (USA)			
Violent Crime Prosecutions	244	157	\$31,700
Subtotal, USA	244	157	\$31,700
U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)			
District Staffing and Recruitment	112	79	\$25,788
Subtotal, USMS	112	79	\$25,788
Subtotal, Federal Programs	789	365	\$192,501
GRANTS			
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)			
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)	0	0	\$537,000
Subtotal, COPS	0	0	\$537,000
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)			
Project Safe Neighborhoods	0	0	\$40,000
Community Violence Intervention	0	0	250,000
Subtotal, OJP	0	0	\$290,000
Subtotal, Grants	0	0	\$827,000
Total Resources	789	365	\$1,019,501

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The United States has experienced a dramatic increase in violent incidents, with the number of violent crimes increasing by 19.9 percent in 2020.¹ As gun crime and violence affects American communities, it is critical for the Department to invest strategically in comprehensive action against those who engage in violent illegal activity to the detriment of public safety. The FY 2023 President's Budget prioritizes data-driven solutions to stem the escalation in violence by preventing the flow of illegal firearms, supporting State and local law enforcement partners, and holding accountable those who endanger the public through acts of violence.

On February 3, 2022, President Biden spoke in New York City on the devastation of gun violence, noting that “[e]very day in this country, 316 people are shot” and that “[e]nough is enough.” Attorney General Garland further highlighted the importance of the Department's efforts to make America safer, stating that “[w]e will hold perpetrators of violent crime and gun violence accountable; we will work alongside the communities most affected by that violence; and we will work together to build the public trust that is essential to public safety.”

The FY 2023 President's Budget invests a total of \$1.0 billion to undertake the challenge of combating violent crime in the United States. Through targeted investments in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Attorneys (USA), and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and through grant initiatives administered through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Department commits to comprehensive action to reduce gun violence and mitigate its impact in American communities. This request also reiterates the FY 2022 request for \$675.1 million, which includes \$18.1 million in enhancements for the ATF's Crime Gun Intelligence and Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL) initiatives and \$657.0 million for grant programs within COPS and the OJP.

The FY 2023 Budget also supports State and local law enforcement and community violence prevention and intervention programs to make our neighborhoods safer. The request provides a total of \$3.2 billion in discretionary resources for State and local grants and \$30.0 billion in mandatory resources to support law enforcement, crime prevention, and community violence intervention.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF): \$109.5 million and 360 positions (122 agents)

Industry Operations Investigators (IOIs) Regulatory Enforcement and Diversion Control: \$20.1 million and 183 positions (2 attorneys)

The ATF's statutory authority to regulate the firearms industry includes inspections of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). FFLs play a key part in safeguarding the public from violent firearms crime by maintaining accurate records, instituting internal controls, and performing background checks on potential firearms purchasers. This request for \$20.1 million and 183 positions includes resources to support ATF's firearms enforcement, regulation authorities, and FFL oversight. The ATF will hire an additional 160 IOIs, beyond the 79 requested in the FY 2022 President's Budget, to combat violent firearms crime and protect the public by ensuring FFL compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. To set strategic enforcement priorities, the additional IOIs would enable the ATF to work toward achieving a five-year inspection cycle of

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime Data Explorer*: National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) details reported in the United States, <https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>

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FFLs. These inspections ensure that traceability of crime guns is maintained and that firearms are kept out of the hands of prohibited individuals. *Current services are \$110.3 million and 700 positions.*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget request of \$12.7 million and 84 positions, which includes 79 additional IOIs for FFL theft, outreach, and compliance, and is still essential to the FY 2023 request.

Combating Gun Violence: \$53.7 million and 148 positions (122 agents)

This ATF request to combat gun violence addresses surging gun violence in American communities and supports the Department's *Comprehensive Strategy for Combating Gun Violence*. The requested funds would provide resources for the Firearms Trafficking Strike Forces Initiative, cross-jurisdictional partnerships established in U.S. cities based on trace data and crime gun intelligence that specifically address "market" or "source" areas for illegally trafficked firearms. Also included in this enhancement are resources to support the ATF's critical operations core to ensure that the current cadre of ATF agents are properly resourced to fight violent crime with modern techniques. These efforts will allow the ATF to carry out its mission and meet the demand for field operations, move special agents to cover critical vacancies, and provide necessary support services and equipment for the agent cadre. *Current services are \$505.9 million and 2,238 positions (1,647 agents).*

National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and Crime Gun Intelligence: \$21.2 million and 16 positions

This ATF request will enhance NIBIN, the only interstate automated ballistic imaging network in operation in the United States, to expand its capacity to provide actionable crime gun intelligence. NIBIN enables an integrated investigative approach, providing a platform through which Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies can access technology to compare images of ballistic evidence obtained from crime scenes and recovered firearms to combat firearm violence across jurisdictional boundaries. Requested resources will increase the ATF's capability to perform NIBIN correlation reviews and to train for law enforcement agencies nationwide; to develop enhanced analytics for the NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS) Application; and to provide NIBIN capabilities in the remainder of ATF field divisions. Combined NIBIN efforts will provide valuable investigative insights and will continue to enhance communication among the ATF, participating law enforcement partner agencies, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices. *Current services are \$61.7 million and 47 positions (17 agents).*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget of \$5.2 million and 12 positions for Crime Gun Intelligence and expansion of the NIBIN National Correlation Training Center, which is still essential to the FY 2023 request.

National Tracing Center (NTC) Modernization: \$14.4 million and 13 positions

The NTC, currently utilized by more than 8,400 law enforcement agencies across the United States, uses an eTrace system to provide law enforcement with a means to send firearm trace requests and receive trace results in firearms investigations. However, the ATF is unable to keep pace with the ever-increasing volume of incoming trace requests from the global law enforcement community. In FY 2021, the NTC processed trace requests for 548,186 firearms and is forecasting a 9.5 percent increase in trace requests between FY 2022 and 2023. The NTC also requires significant investment in technology upgrades that will streamline internal processes and improve operational proficiency; this cost-effective approach will reduce the need for future personnel

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increases. Therefore, this ATF request incorporates incremental technology enhancements and augments personnel. Collectively, these enhancements will provide a substantial return on investment by reducing out-year operations and maintenance costs, increasing workflow efficiency, improving accuracy, and significantly reducing trace completion times. *Current services are \$32.4 million and 52 positions (2 agents).*

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS): \$537.0 million **COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**

This request for CHP funding allows communities to put law enforcement officers on the Nation's streets to assist in improving public safety. The CHP grants also support local law enforcement efforts designed to mitigate homicides, gun violence, and other criminal activity, while simultaneously promoting cooperation with community residents to identify individuals responsible for violence and reduce crime. *Current services are \$537.0 million in discretionary funding.*

This enhancement in mandatory funding builds on \$537.0 million in discretionary funding for the CHP assumed in the FY 2022 President's Budget. The FY 2022 CHP request included a \$300.0 million discretionary enhancement.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): \$25.5 million and 73 positions (3 agents) **Transnational Organized Crime (TOC): \$5.5 million and 3 positions (3 agents)³**

The TOC threat poses significant and growing national and international threats to security with implications for public safety, public health, democratic institutions, and economic stability. This request will enable the FBI to counter myriad activities, including drug and weapons trafficking, human trafficking and smuggling, violence, corruption, money laundering, and fraud. TOC groups increasingly exploit jurisdictional boundaries to conduct their criminal activities overseas. Furthermore, they are expanding their use of emerging technology to traffic illicit drugs and contraband across international borders and into the United States. This enhancement is a portion of the FBI's Combating Crime and Corruption program increase, totaling \$20.6 million and 22 positions (15 agents). *Current services are \$697.3 million and 3,456 positions (2,029 agents).*

DNA Capability: \$10.1 million and 0 positions

The FBI requests additional resources to effectively address the emerging requirements associated with biometric identification capabilities. Recent legislative changes have increased the requirements for these capabilities to maintain public safety. For example, the number of DNA samples that the FBI received for processing per month increased from a monthly average of 7,000 to 8,000 samples before January 2021 to 53,000 as of September 2021. The Nation needs a robust DNA database to protect the public and to quickly identify individuals who have committed violent crimes in the past and may commit similar acts in the future. This enhancement is a portion of the FBI's Countering Acts of Mass Violence and Threats to Public Safety program increase, totaling \$48.8 million and 208 positions (55 agents). *Current services are \$494.1 million and 2,769 positions (836 agents).*

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National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS): \$6.2 million and 70 positions

NICS, established to enforce the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993, is used by FFLs to determine whether receipt of a firearm by a prospective purchaser would violate State or Federal law. Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 both set records for NICS transaction volume. This FBI request will enhance the NICS Program's ability to complete transactions within three business days; meet service levels of the NICS E-Check and telephone responses; effectively provide additional services to the law enforcement community and its customers; and lead system development efforts. This enhancement is a portion of the FBI's Countering Acts of Mass Violence and Threats to Public Safety program increase, totaling \$48.8 million and 208 positions (55 agents). *Current services are \$494.1 million and 2,769 positions (836 agents).*

Cell Site Simulators: \$3.7 million and 0 positions

The FBI requests \$3.7 million for Cell Site Simulators. Additional details are law enforcement sensitive (LES) and are included in the FBI's classified addendum. This enhancement is a portion of the FBI's Combating Crime and Corruption program increase, totaling \$20.6 million and 22 positions (15 agents). *Current services are \$697.3 million and 3,456 positions (2,029 agents).*

Office of Justice Programs (OJP): \$290.0 million (+\$170.0 million)

Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN): \$40.0 million and 0 positions (+\$20.0 million)

This program supports a Department-led nationwide initiative that brings together Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community leaders, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and to develop comprehensive solutions to address them. The requested increase will significantly expand the resources available to PSN teams as they engage with local partners to develop strategic plans, work together to implement those plans, build community trust, and will incorporate a more diverse array of stakeholders into PSN initiatives. *Current services are \$20.0 million.*

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Community Violence Intervention (CVI): \$250.0 million and 0 positions (+\$150.0 million)

This program will provide funds to jurisdictions to plan, develop, implement, and expand community-based violence intervention programs. Community-based violence intervention programs use evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation, and to establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve conditions that drive violence. The FY 2023 President's Budget also consolidates the Youth-Focused Community Violence Intervention program requested in the FY 2022 President's Budget into this program. These discretionary investments complement a \$250 million investment in CVI programming at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). *Current services are \$100.0 million and 0 positions.*

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U.S. Attorneys (USA): \$31.7 million and 244 positions (157 attorneys)

Violent Crime Prosecutions

To bolster the Department's violent crime reduction strategy, U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs) need the requested resources to target the sources of crime and to increase and build upon cooperative efforts with law enforcement agencies and regional partners. The requested funding is required to ramp up prosecutions of those accountable for the increased violent crime in the hardest-hit areas. In addition, Assistant U.S. Attorneys are needed to address other critical areas of the strategy, including building partnerships and instituting evidence-based crime prevention and intervention programs. With the resources requested, USAOs in districts facing the most serious recent spikes of violence will be able to fully use all Federal statutory tools to combat violent drug trafficking and gang-related offenses. *Current services are \$130.3 million and 738 positions (446 attorneys).*

U.S. Marshals Services (USMS): \$25.8 million and 112 positions (78 agents and 1 attorney)

District Staffing and Recruitment

This request enhances staffing in USMS district offices nationwide to maintain effective and efficient district operations and improve USMS support for State and local law enforcement efforts to apprehend the most dangerous fugitives. The overall enhancement for USMS District Staffing and Recruitment is \$64.5 million and 280 positions (195 agents). This enhancement reflects the myriad duties of these Deputy U.S. Marshals and its funding and positions are split among multiple Fact Sheets. *Current services are \$1.1 billion and 3,771 positions (2,928 agents).*

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