



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Criminal Division (CRM)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$228.0 million (808 positions; 497 attorneys; 5 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$12.4 million
Program Changes:	+\$16.3 million
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$256.7 million (907 positions; 562 attorneys; 5 agents)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$28.6 million (+12.5%) (+99 positions; +65 attorneys)

Mission:

The mission of the Criminal Division (CRM) is to develop, enforce, and supervise the application of Federal criminal laws. CRM responds to critical and emerging national and international criminal threats and works with the enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence communities in a coordinated, nationwide response to reduce those threats.

CRM performs four key program activities to fulfill its mission: litigating cases (including multi-jurisdictional and international cases); providing expert guidance and legal advice (to the Attorney General, foreign counterparts, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices); reviewing and implementing law enforcement activities (e.g., Title III wiretaps, attorney fee forfeitures, correspondent banking subpoenas, and foreign legal frameworks); and fostering and maintaining global partnerships.

Resources:

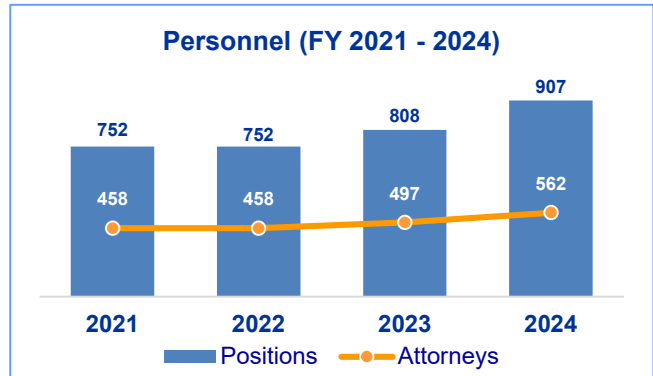
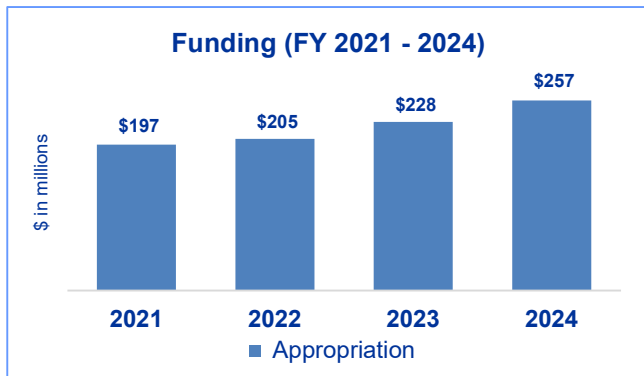
The FY 2024 budget request for CRM totals \$256.7 million, which is a 12.5 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Organization:

CRM is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG supervises the enforcement of Federal criminal laws and policy for the Department of Justice, and supervises criminal prosecutions on a broad range of matters, including public corruption, corporate fraud, procurement fraud, computer crime, intellectual property crime, international organized crime, gang crime, narcotics offenses, money laundering offenses, child sexual exploitation, and human rights violations. Through CRM's extensive international operations, via its reimbursable programs with the State Department and other agencies, CRM also has more than 100 direct and reimbursable staff in foreign offices.

Personnel:

CRM's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 907 positions, including an increase of 99 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 808 direct authorized positions.



FY 2024 Strategy:

CRM has substantial prosecutorial expertise in a broad array of Federal criminal subject matters, as well as formidable legal expertise and Department-wide operational resources. CRM plays a substantial role in helping the Department accomplish its mission by working to prevent terrorism; promoting the Nation's security consistent with the rule of law; preventing crime; protecting the rights of the American people; and enforcing Federal law. Additionally, it plays a central role in the Department for maintaining global partnerships to further support the Department's mission and goals.

In working to achieve the mission of the Department, CRM has identified several priority areas to ensure that the United States' important justice needs, on both the national and transnational fronts, are effectively addressed, including:

- Ensuring trust and confidence in government institutions, by reducing public corruption at every level of government;
- Ensuring the stability and security of domestic and global markets, as well as the integrity of government programs, by reducing fraud, money laundering, and other economic crimes, committed by both corporations and individuals;
- Disrupting and dismantling criminal organizations and networks that act across state and national boundaries and that threaten our country through violence, drug trafficking, and computer crime;
- Combatting cyber-based threats and attacks;
- Protecting children and defending human rights;
- Promoting the rule of law around the world;
- Assisting law enforcement partners in obtaining evidence in the United States;
- Strengthening justice sector institutions in countries throughout the globe; and
- Supporting crime-fighting efforts across Federal, State, and local governments.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Combat Key Drivers of Violent Crime: \$2.2 million and 15 positions (14 attorneys)

The requested resources will improve the Division's litigation and appellate capabilities for violent crime, especially gun-related violent crime. Additional resources are needed for the Organized Crime and Gang Section (OCGS) as requests for OCGS assistance have increased dramatically due to the Department's emphasis on gun-related crime and the recent increase in violent criminal cases the Department oversees due to updated jurisprudence. Funding will specifically support the Department's efforts towards (1) fighting violent crime and gun violence throughout the country; and (2) combatting the most prolific and dangerous human smuggling and trafficking groups operating in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Funding will also assist the Appellate Section in addressing their expanded portfolio and extensive support to the investigations and prosecutions of high-profile violent crime cases. The current services are \$23.0 million and 83 positions (59 attorneys).

Support for International Human Rights and Task Force Alpha: \$10.0 million and 57 positions (36 attorneys)

The requested resources would bolster the Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section and the Division's role in, and work on, Joint Task Force Alpha (JTFA). Specifically, they would enhance the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws, especially human smuggling laws, and of the War Crimes Act, to directly support the Department's efforts to protect the national security of the United States and are undertaken to protect vulnerable populations. The enhancement would also support the JTFA, a DOJ and Department of Homeland Security human smuggling and trafficking task force created by the Attorney General in June 2021. The current services are \$11.9 million and 41 positions (24 attorneys).

Prosecuting Cybercrime and Responding to Criminal Use of Cryptocurrency: \$4.0 million and 26 positions (14 attorneys)

The request includes resources for the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) and the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) to further the Attorney General's priority of enhancing cybersecurity and fighting cybercrime. MLARS and CCIPS together have led the Department's efforts to assess and respond, through criminal enforcement as well as proposals for legal and regulatory reform, to the explosive growth in the use of cryptocurrencies by criminal actors of all stripes, including the most significant ransomware actors. The current services are \$22.2 million and 77 positions (56 attorneys).

Criminal Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Criminal Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2022 Appropriation	752	666	205,290
Supplemental - Ukraine Response - FY 2022	22	14	9,045
2022 Enacted with Supplemental	774	680	214,335
2023 Enacted	808	787	228,042
2024 Request	907	859	256,655
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	99	72	28,613
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Other Adjustments	1	1	1,032
Pay & Benefits	0	21	12,265
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-1,916
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-288
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	1,270
Total Base Adjustments	1	22	12,363
2024 Current Services	809	809	240,405
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Combat Key Drivers of Violent Crime	15	8	2,250
Support for International Human Rights and Task Force Alpha	57	29	10,000
Prosecuting Cybercrime and Responding to Criminal Use of Cryptocurrency	26	13	4,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	98	50	16,250
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	98	50	16,250
2024 Request	907	859	256,655

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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	808	787	228,042	809	809	240,405
Total	808	787	228,042	809	809	240,405
Reimbursable FTE		155			155	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	808	942	228,042	809	964	240,405
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		287			287	
FTE Grand Total		1,229			1,251	

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	98	50	16,250	907	859	256,655
Total	98	50	16,250	907	859	256,655
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	155	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	98	50	16,250	907	1,014	256,655
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		0			287	
FTE Grand Total		50			1,301	