

GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Criminal Division (CRM)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2021 Enacted: \$197.3 million (752 positions; 458 attorneys)

Current Services Adjustments: +\$7.8 million

Program Changes: +\$10.1 million

FY 2022 Budget Request: \$215.2 million (772 positions; 478 attorneys)

Change From FY 2021 Enacted: +\$17.9 million (+9.1%) (+20 positions; +20 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 law 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:

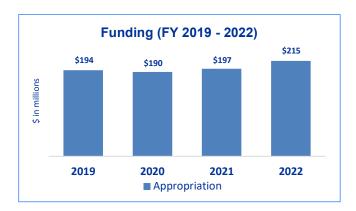
The FY 2022 budget request for CRM totals \$215.2 million, which is a 9.1 percent increase over the FY 2021 Enacted.

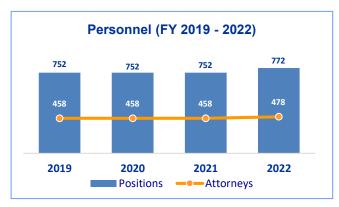
Organization:

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 by CRM's almost 700 prosecutors 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. In addition, CRM has an extensive international program of more than 100 direct and reimbursable staff in foreign offices.

Personnel:

CRM's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 772 positions, including an increase of 20 positions over the FY 2021 Enacted of 752 direct authorized positions.





FY 2022 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 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 2022 Program Changes:

COVID-Related Fraud: \$10.1 million and 20 positions (20 attorneys)

Provides temporary positions to address pervasive COVID-19 related crime, mainly COVID-19 related fraud concerning the Paycheck Protection Program and health care fraud. CRM has been at the forefront of the Department's fight against surging fraudulent activity, leading the centralized pursuit of COVID-19 related fraud across the Department and in close coordination with other Federal agencies. The Fraud Section has also had significant success investigating and prosecuting COVID-19 fraud cases, often in conjunction with U.S. Attorneys' Offices. There are no current services for this initiative.

<u>Criminal Division</u> (Dollars in Thousands)

		Criminal Division			
	Pos	FTE	Amount		
2020 Appropriation	752	628	195,617		
2021 Enacted	752	752	197,254		
2022 Request	772	762	215,173		
Change 2022 from 2021 Enacted	20	10	17,919		
Technical Adjustments					
Technical Adjustment - Start Point	0	0	1,500		
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	1,500		
Base Adjustments					
Pay & Benefits	0	0	3,448		
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	2,739		
Other Adjustments	0	0	24		
Foreign Expenses	0	0	108		
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	6,319		
2022 Current Services	752	752	205,073		
Program Changes					
Increases:					
COVID-Related Fraud	20	10	10,100		
Subtotal, Program Increases	20	10	10,100		
Decreases:					
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0		
Total Program Changes	20	10	10,100		
2022 Request	772	762	215,173		

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	752	752	197,254	752	752	205,073
Total	752	752	197,254	752	752	205,073
Reimbursable FTE		112			155	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	752	864	197,254	752	907	205,073
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		290			290	
FTE Grand Total		1,154			1,197	

	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	20	10	10,100	772	762	215,173
Total	20	10	10,100	772	762	215,173
Reimbursable FTE					155	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	20	10	10,100	772	917	215,173
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)					290	
FTE Grand Total		10			1,207	