



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2022 Budget Request

Addressing the Opioid Crisis (Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	Amount
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)			
Anti-Heroin Task Forces	0	0	\$35,000
Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces	0	0	15,000
Subtotal, COPS	0	0	\$50,000
Criminal Division (CRM)			
COVID-19 Related Fraud/Opioid Aspect	4	4	\$1,382
Subtotal, CRM	4	4	\$1,382
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)			
Outreach (DCFA)	60	0	\$8,762
Operation Engage (Salaries and Expenses)	25	0	3,745
Subtotal, DEA	85	0	\$12,507
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)			
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program	0	0	\$190,000
Drug Court Program	0	0	95,000
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment	0	0	35,000
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	0	0	33,000
Veterans Treatment Courts	0	0	25,000
Coverdell Forensic Support for Opioid/Synthetic Drug Investigations	0	0	17,000
Opioid-Affected Youth Program	0	0	16,000
Justice Mental Health Collaborations	0	0	6,000
Subtotal, OJP	0	0	\$417,000
Total, Program Increases	89	4	\$480,889

The United States continues to be in the midst of the deadliest drug epidemic in American history. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 70,630 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2019. Over 49,860, or over two-thirds, of these overdose deaths were caused by opioids. The number of overdose deaths represent a 4.9 percent increase from 2018, a significant growth in the number of drug overdoses. Much work remains to address the opioid crisis until these needless deaths are prevented.

The FY 2022 President's Budget makes investments to address diversion and drug use in our communities that is devastating the Nation. The Budget requests \$480.9 million in resources to bolster drug enforcement efforts. This includes support for four new attorneys, and 85 other professionals, that will enable the Department to combat opioid abuse and drug-related violence in our communities.

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Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Anti-Heroin Task Forces: \$35.0 million

COPS requests \$35.0 million for the Anti-Heroin Task Force Program which is a competitive grant solicitation in States with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions. *Current services: \$35.0 million.*

Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces: \$15.0 million

COPS requests \$15.0 million for the Anti-Methamphetamine Program which is a competitive grant solicitation in States with high seizures of precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories, and laboratory dump seizures. *Current services: \$15.0 million.*

Criminal Division (CRM)

COVID-19 Related Fraud: \$1.4 million and 4 term positions (4 attorneys)

Overall, CRM requests \$10.1 million and 20 term positions (20 attorneys) to combat COVID fraud. Of this amount, \$1.4 million and four term attorneys will go towards opioid and synthetic trafficking workload, which has dramatically increased as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded necessitating additional resources to address these crime surges. *Current services for opioids: \$22.9 million and 84 positions (58 attorneys).*

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Outreach (DCFA): \$8.8 million and 60 positions

The DEA requests \$8.8 million within the fee-funded Diversion Control Fee Account to improve its outreach to the public and to registrants, supporting efforts to destroy prescription drugs outside of the existing National Take-Back Initiative framework. The DEA would conduct a study to refine and expand this virtual education and assess on-site destruction options/methods and develop products and policies aimed at providing disposal instructions to registrants and end-users. Funding would also support government and contract staff efforts to develop a virtual training pilot to the public. *Current services: \$468.4 million and 1,933 positions (427 agents).*

Operation Engage: \$3.7 million and 25 positions

The DEA request for Operation Engage will enhance outreach and prevention efforts within its community drug prevention program. The requested funding would place one Community Outreach Specialist in DEA's 23 field divisions and two in the DEA's Headquarters while providing funding to advertise, develop, and deliver tailored drug prevention programs. As a community collaboration, the DEA would expand partnership with local law enforcement and community-based groups to combat the supply and demand sides of specific drug threats in targeted locations. Community outreach efforts through Operation Engage will include available publications and digital material tailored for a specific community; the use of social media, radio, and print advertisements to promote outreach resources and events; evidence-informed programs and presentations; and, connecting community outreach efforts to local media through the field divisions' public information officers. Operation Engage builds on the successes of the DEA 360 Strategy, a community outreach program that had been deployed in 23 cities from 2016 through 2020. The program is not a "one size fits all" approach; the initiative will be customized to the most significant drug threats in a selected city. The existing program covers 11 field divisions: Boston, Detroit, El Paso, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, DC. *Current services: \$3.3 million and 0 positions.*

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Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP): \$190.0 million (+\$5.0 million)

This funding will support system-wide initiatives that expand comprehensive, locally driven responses to opioids, stimulants, and other substances. This can include access to supervision, treatment, and recovery support services across the criminal justice system, the support of law enforcement and other first responder diversion programs for nonviolent drug offenders. promotion of education and prevention (e.g., health care, child welfare, and criminal justice) for those who have a history of opioid misuse; support for response teams to assist children dealing with the aftermath of opioid addiction; support for family court programming relating to the treatment of opioids; increasing the availability of treatment and recovery support services in rural or tribal communities by expanding the use of recovery support services; and drug collection programs. The program also supports training and technical assistance to improve outcomes for States, Tribes, and communities affected by the opioid epidemic. This includes strengthening the relationships among first responders and behavioral health and public health professionals, broadening access to necessary medication assisted treatment in prisons and jails, and supporting information sharing, including the collection of fatal and non-fatal overdose death data. *Current services: \$185.0 million.*

Drug Court Program: \$95.0 million (+\$12.0 million)

Funding for the Adult Drug Court grant program will equip courts and community supervision systems with the essential tools and resources, using the most current evidence-based practices and principles, to intervene with nonviolent offenders with addictions, including those related to opioid abuse. The program supports States, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments in enhancing existing drug courts that refer individuals, based on a validated risk and need assessment, effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and provide transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over offenders, including juveniles. *Current services: \$83.0 million.*

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment: \$35.0 million (+\$1.0 million)

Funding would provide financial and technical assistance to State, local, and Tribal governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in correctional and detention facilities and to create and maintain post-release, community-based aftercare services. This will include training and technical assistance to State and local correctional systems on best practices and in approaches to enable these facilities to offer more than one form of medication assisted treatment. *Current services: \$34.0 million.*

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP): \$33.0 million (+\$1.0 million)

Funding would help detect and prevent the diversion and abuse of controlled pharmaceutical substances. The primary purpose of the program is to enhance the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies and public health officials to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data and other scheduled chemical products through a centralized database, within each state, administered by an authorized state agency. Efforts under this program also include a strong emphasis on interstate sharing of PDMP data. The program supports competitive, site-based projects that integrate PDMP data with other public safety and public health data; and competitively awarded training and technical assistance to improve outcomes for communities in prescription drug abuse, and support for interstate data sharing. *Current services: \$32.0 million.*

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Veterans Treatment Courts: \$25.0 million

Funding would support States, State courts, local governments, and federally recognized tribal governments that use the drug court model to serve veterans struggling with mental illness, addiction, or co-occurring disorders, with particular emphasis on comprehensive opioid abuse reduction activities. *Current services: \$25.0 million.*

Coverdell Forensic Support for Opioid/Synthetic Drug Investigations: \$17.0 million

Funding would help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. The OJP has identified the opioid- and synthetic drug-related challenges facing the forensic science community as priority purposes for FY 2022. *Current services: \$17.0 million.*

Opioid-Affected Youth Program: \$16.0 million (+\$6.0 million)

Funding would support States, local communities, tribal jurisdictions, and nonprofit organizations to implement programs and strategies to identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by the opioid epidemic. *Current services: \$10.0 million.*

Justice Mental Health Collaborations: \$6.0 million (+0.7 million)

Funding would assist States, Tribes, and units of local government in designing and implementing collaborative efforts between criminal justice and mental health systems, thus improving access to effective treatment for offenders and ex-offenders with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The specific development of law enforcement and mental health partnerships (including crisis intervention teams/training) and court-based programs such as mental health courts will be included as activities in the planning, implementation, and expansion of collaborative efforts. *Current services specific to opioids: \$5.3 million.*