



Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$20.4 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,478.0 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$139,000 (Discretionary Authority) +\$107.5 million (Indefinite Authority)
Program Changes:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority) -\$399.5 million (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,186.0 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$139,000 (+0.7%) (Discretionary Authority) -\$292.0 million (-19.8%) (Indefinite Authority)

Mission:

The AFP touches every federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agency in the country and the related cases are handled by all 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ Criminal Division. Through joint partnerships among law enforcement at all levels, domestically and internationally, the AFP mission is to use asset forfeiture consistently and strategically in order to deter, disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises by depriving wrongdoers of the fruits and instrumentalities of criminal activity. Whenever possible, the program seeks to restore property to innocent victims.

Resources:

All AFP funding is provided from forfeiture activities. \$20.5 million of these funds are designated as discretionary and are solely used for the purpose of investigative expenses, to include purchase of evidence and equipping of government owned conveyances. \$1,185.9 million is designated as mandatory and will be used to maintain forfeiture operations, pay victims and third parties, share resources with state and local participants, and fund programs in support of law enforcement priorities. An additional \$674 million is proposed for permanent cancellation.

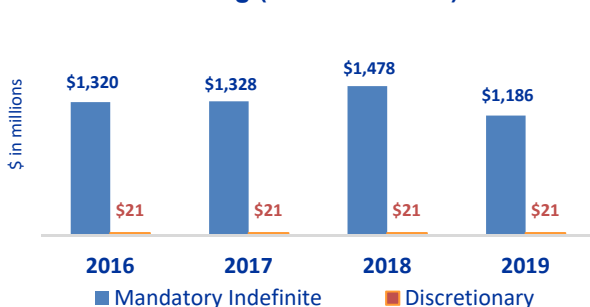
Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS), Justice Management Division, is located in Washington, DC, and is responsible for the administrative management and operational functions of the AFP including review and evaluation of all AFP activities, and budgeting, financial management, and contracting operations related to the fund. AFMS also provides centralized operations and development of forfeiture-related systems and applications used by law enforcement officers and prosecutors to account for assets seized from criminal enterprises. Participating agencies of the AFP include the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorneys, Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, and several other federal law enforcement agencies.

Personnel:

AFMS has 28 personnel funded through the AFP. An additional 427 government positions are designated to support forfeiture-related activities within other components, and are funded through the AFP.

Funding (FY 2016 - 2019)



* FY 2018 annualized CR

Personnel (FY 2016 - 2019)



FY 2019 Strategy:

In FY 2019, the Department's forfeiture program will play a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims. The Program is focusing increasing attention on building technical and operational capacity to investigate complex economic crime (including fraud and money laundering). The globalization of economic and financial systems, the rapidly changing nature of technology, and the growing sophistication of criminal organizations have increased the prevalence of economic crime. When foreign governments, terrorists, or well-established international criminals are involved, the investigative techniques often require specialist teams, as well as analytical tools and methods to evaluate many variations of highly complex, and data-intensive crimes. The Program funds traditional infrastructure and operational needs while also investing in new techniques that expand asset forfeiture's impact.

The AFP directly supports state and local law enforcement participation in joint federal law enforcement operations to provide a key force multiplier in targeting violent crime, including gang activities, organized crime, illegal drug activities, gun violence, and fugitive apprehensions. Annually, approximately 6,800 state and local law enforcement agencies receive AFF support to help compensate them for their joint efforts with federal task force operations. This includes reimbursement for overtime and equipment, such as vehicles and protective gear to enhance officer safety and the effectiveness of these joint operations.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

AFP's FY 2019 budget proposal provides for current services for investigative expenses funded through the Asset Forfeiture Program. Investigative expenses include the purchase of evidence and information related to violations of federal laws as well as the equipping of government owned vehicles, vessels, and aircraft.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)

Program Offset - AFF: -\$399.5 million and 0 positions
Current FY 2019 estimates for AFP mandatory expenses are \$399.5 million below current services. Current services includes a \$107.5 million increase above FY 2018 levels due to the restoration of FY 2018 sequestration.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)

No program changes are requested.

Asset Forfeiture Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)			Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	28	25	1,360,271	0	0	20,514	28	25	1,380,785
2018 Continuing Resolution	28	28	1,585,363	0	0	20,375	28	28	1,605,738
2018 Sequester Cut	0	0	-107,483	0	0	0	0	0	-107,483
2018 Continuing Resolution	28	28	1,477,880	0	0	20,375	28	28	1,498,255
2019 Request	28	28	1,185,872	0	0	20,514	28	28	1,206,386
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	0	0	-292,008	0	0	139	0	0	-291,869
Technical Adjustments									
Return of 2018 Sequester	0	0	107,483	0	0	0	0	0	107,483
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	1,100	0	0	1,100
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	107,483	0	0	1,100	0	0	108,583
Base Adjustments									
Other Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	-961	0	0	-961
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	-961	0	0	-961
2019 Current Services	28	28	1,585,363	0	0	20,514	28	28	1,605,877
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decreases:									
Program Offset - AFF	0	0	-399,491	0	0	0	0	0	-399,491
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-399,491	0	0	0	0	0	-399,491
Total Program Changes	0	0	-399,491	0	0	0	0	0	-399,491
2019 Request	28	28	1,185,872	0	0	20,514	28	28	1,206,386

Asset Forfeiture Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
AFF – Discretionary Authority	0	0	20,375	0	0	20,514
AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	28	28	1,477,880	28	28	1,585,363
Total	28	28	1,498,255	28	28	1,605,877
Grand Total	28	28	1,498,255	28	28	1,605,887

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
AFF – Discretionary Authority	0	0	0	0	0	20,514
AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	0	0	-399,491	28	28	1,185,872
Total	0	0	-399,491	28	28	1,206,386
Grand Total	0	0	-399,491	28	28	1,206,386