



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of Pardon Attorney (PARDON)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$10.9 million (43 positions; 22 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$1.3 million
Program Changes:	+\$10.5 million
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$22.7 million (103 positions; 59 attorneys)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$11.8 million (+108.8%) (+60 positions; +37 attorneys)

Mission:

The Office of the Pardon Attorney (PARDON), in consultation with the Attorney General and/or the Deputy Attorney General, assists the President in the exercise of his executive clemency power as authorized under Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution. Under the Constitution, the President's clemency power extends only to Federal offenses against the United States. Requests for executive clemency for Federal offenses is directed to the Pardon Attorney for investigation and review. The Pardon Attorney prepares the Department's recommendation to the President for final disposition of each petition for executive clemency. Executive clemency may take several forms including pardon (after completion of sentence), commutation (reduction) of sentence, remission of fine or restitution, and reprieve of the death penalty.

Resources:

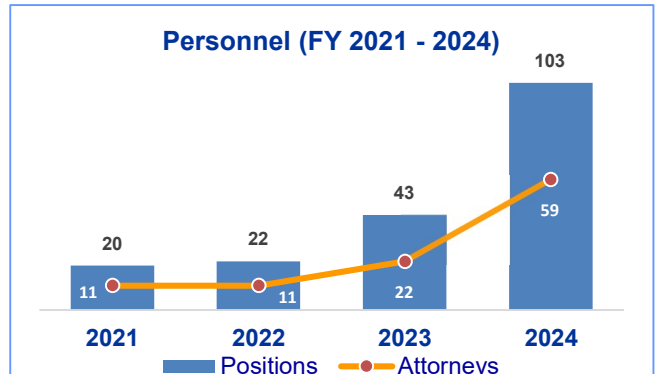
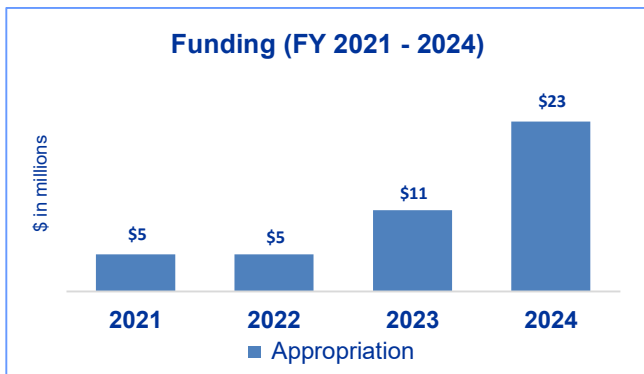
The FY 2024 budget request for PARDON totals \$22.7 million, which is a 108.8 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Organization:

PARDON is headed by the Pardon Attorney who is a key career senior executive service employee appointed and designated authority to carry out the mission of the office by the Attorney General. The PARDON office is located in Washington, DC.

Personnel:

PARDON's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 103 positions, including an increase of 60 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 43 direct authorized positions.



FY 2024 Strategy:

In FY 2024, PARDON will continue to assist the President in the exercise of his clemency power. PARDON will continue to accept for processing all forms of clemency and evaluate the merits of each petition based on the totality of the circumstances in the case. It will respond to inquiries concerning clemency petitions or proactively make certain information available on their website concerning the clemency process for applicants, their representatives, members of the public, members of Congress, and various Federal, State, and local officials and agencies; prepare all necessary documents to effect the President's decision to grant or deny clemency; and notify each clemency applicant of the President's decision concerning his/her clemency request. PARDON will also provide general advice to the White House concerning clemency procedures and the historical background of clemency matters.

At the end of FY 2022, PARDON had a caseload of approximately 15,000 petitioners awaiting a response from the President on their clemency request. Since the majority of those cases must be processed to completion and they are at various stages in the clemency process, PARDON's budget request level is crucial to handle the unprecedented increase in workload over the past decade.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Critical Clemency Programs: \$10.4 million and 59 positions (36 attorneys)

PARDON is requesting additional resources to enhance its clemency program. In October 2022, PARDON was tasked with developing a program to identify and issue certificates evidencing the pardon to eligible persons. While the project is set to launch, PARDON has already expended significant resources in standing up the project. The resources that will be provided by the program enhancement will allow PARDON to continue to accomplish vital clemency activities and fund significant implementation and enhancements costs incurred by the critical clemency programs. It will also allow PARDON to continue to hire sufficient staff and prepare for PARDON's expanded role in the capital case process. Current services for this initiative are \$12.2 million and 43 positions (22 attorneys).

Pardon Fellow: \$130,000 and 1 position (1 attorney)

PARDON is requesting a one-year fellowship program in which a Pardon Attorney Fellow would support the Pardon Attorney in a full range of matters that includes evaluating and investigating clemency applications and preparing the recommendation of the Department of Justice as to the appropriate disposition of each application for the signature of the Deputy Attorney General. This program would help to train attorneys in the specialized manner of the necessary work in the area of clemency and sentencing commutation. Current services for this initiative are \$12.2 million and 43 positions (22 attorneys).

Office of Pardon Attorney

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of Pardon Attorney		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2022 Appropriation	22	18	5,483
2023 Enacted	43	28	10,862
2024 Request	103	69	22,678
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	60	41	11,816
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	11	2,372
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-1,061
Total Base Adjustments	0	11	1,311
2024 Current Services	43	39	12,173
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Critical Clemency Programs	59	29	10,375
Pardon Fellow	1	1	130
Subtotal, Program Increases	60	30	10,505
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	60	30	10,505
2024 Request	103	69	22,678

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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	43	28	10,862	43	39	12,173
Total	43	28	10,862	43	39	12,173

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of the Pardon Attorney	60	30	10,505	103	69	22,678
Total	60	30	10,505	103	69	22,678