



Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2025 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority)
	\$1,770.8 billion (459 positions; 157 attorneys; 81 agents) (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
	+\$0 (Indefinite Authority)
Program Changes:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority, Continuing Resolution)
	+\$0 (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2025 Budget Request:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority)
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Change From FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
	+\$0 (+0%) million (Indefinite Authority)

Mission:

The Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP) promotes and enhances cooperation among federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement agencies, and the related cases are handled by all 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Department of Justice's Criminal Division (CRM). The Department uses asset forfeiture to punish and deter criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used in or acquired through illegal activities and recover assets that may be used to compensate victims when authorized under federal law.

Resources:

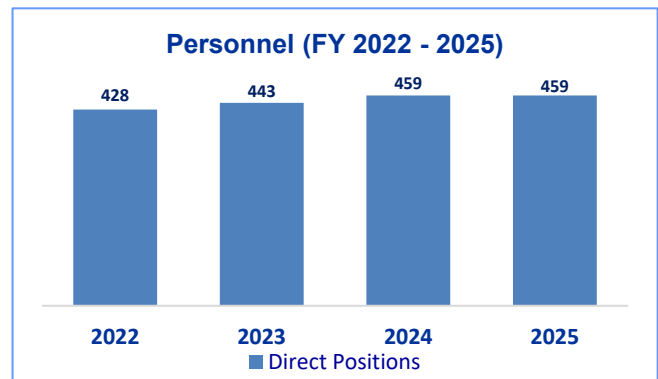
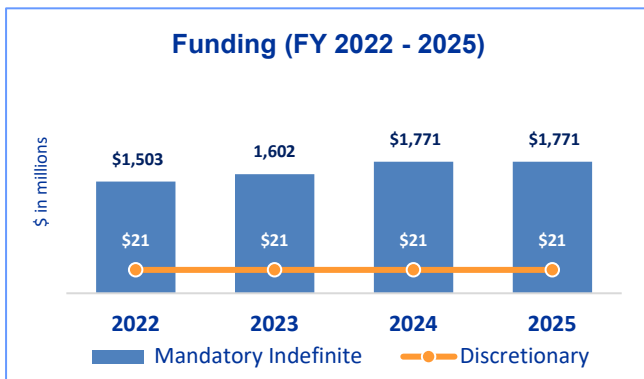
All AFP funding is provided from forfeiture activities. While \$20.5 million is designated as discretionary and may be used for non-forfeiture related activities, the remaining \$1.8 billion is designated as mandatory. The mandatory portion will be used to pay victims and third parties, share resources with State and local participants, and fund programs in support of the AFP.

Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS) is located in Washington, DC, and is responsible for the administrative management and operational functions, 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 include the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), the U.S. Attorneys (USA), CRM's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, and several other Federal law enforcement agencies. Allocation recommendations are forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General through the Justice Management Division.

Personnel:

The AFP's direct and reimbursable positions for FY 2025 total 459 positions. This includes 38 positions in AFMS and sub-allotments of 218 positions for the USMS, 137 positions for CRM, 89 positions for the USA, seven positions for the ATF, five positions for the FBI, and one position for DEA.



FY 2025 Strategy:

In FY 2025, 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 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 6,000 State and local law enforcement agencies receive Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF) support to help compensate them for their joint efforts with Federal task force operations, including costs associated with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). The program will continue to support reimbursement for overtime and equipment, such as vehicles and protective gear to enhance officer safety and the effectiveness of these joint operations.

In FY 2023, the AFF continued to support Task Force KleptoCapture investigations into Russian sanctions violations. This support will continue as necessary to uphold the priorities of this Department and Administration. Additionally, in FY 2023 approximately \$5.4 million in forfeiture proceeds was transferred from the AFF to the Department of State to remediate the harms of Russian aggression towards Ukraine, pursuant to Section 1708, Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (Division M, Public Law 117-328).

A major aspect of the AFP is to provide a senior cadre of Asset Forfeiture Program experts, particularly around Virtual Currency case investigations and initiatives. Developing subject matter experts within the program has proven to be beneficial to all key participants. The effort includes providing Special Agents as liaisons and collaborators with other agency representatives.

A part of the strategy is to implement a major modernization project to the Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS). CATS is the core business application for the AFP, and it currently integrates 20 separate applications. The system was originally released in 1994 and has not been modernized since 2004. Phase I of the project started in FY 2023, which assessed the current state of CATS and identified CATS technology that needs replacement due to obsolescence and end of service life. When completed in 2030, this modernization project will provide the appropriate security level and update the forfeiture program to include contemporary digital based business practices.

In recent years, the Program has focused attention on building technical and operational capacity to investigate complex economic crime. 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, technical, and data-intensive crimes. The Program funds traditional infrastructure and operational needs, while also investing in new techniques that expand asset forfeiture's impact.

FY 2025 Program Changes:

Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)

No program changes.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)

No program changes.

Asset Forfeiture Program
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Asset Forfeiture Program			Asset Forfeiture Program			Total			Asset Forfeiture Program		
	(Permanent Indefinite Authority)			(Discretionary Authority)						(Rescission)		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2023 Enacted	443	385	\$ 1,601,956	0	0	\$ 20,514	443	385	\$ 1,622,470	0	0	\$ (500,000)
2024 Continuing Resolution	459	459	\$ 1,770,761	0	0	\$ 20,514	459	459	\$ 1,791,275	0	0	\$ (500,000)
2025 Request	459	459	\$ 1,770,761	0	0	\$ 20,514	459	459	\$ 1,791,275	0	0	0
Change 2025 from 2024 Continuing Resolution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 Current Services	459	459	\$ 1,770,761	0	0	\$ 20,514	459	459	\$ 1,791,275	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*The FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Resolution repeats a \$500 million rescission to this account.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
AFF- Permanent, Indefinite Authority	429	420	1,578,413	429	420	1,578,413
Total	429	420	1,578,413	429	420	1,578,413

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2025 Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
	0	0	0	429	420	1,578,413
Total	0	0	0	429	420	1,578,413

Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
	0	0	20,514	0	0	20,514
Total	0	0	20,514	0	0	20,514

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2025 Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
	0	0	0	0	0	20,514
Total	0	0	0	0	0	20,514

Asset Forfeiture Program (Rescission)

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
Permanently Cancelled, Rescission	0	0	-500,000	0	0	0
Total	0	0	-500,000	0	0	0

Comparison by Activity and Programs	2024 Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos	FTE	Amount
Permanently Cancelled, Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

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