



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES INTERPOL Washington (USNCB)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2021 Enacted:	\$35.6 million (69 positions; 2 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$2.8 million
Program Changes:	+\$2.6 million
FY 2022 Budget Request:	\$41.0 million (69 positions; 2 attorneys)
Change From FY 2021 Enacted:	+\$5.4 million (+15.2%)

Mission:

INTERPOL Washington, the United States National Central Bureau (USNCB), is the statutorily-designated representative to the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) on behalf of the Attorney General. Its mission includes, but is not limited to, facilitating international police cooperation; transmitting information of a criminal justice, humanitarian and other law enforcement-related nature between U.S. law enforcement authorities and their foreign counterparts; and coordinating and integrating information in criminal investigations that serve to combat transnational crime and terrorism.

Organization:

The USNCB is a component of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and is co-managed with the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to a memorandum of understanding. It is staffed by a multi-sector workforce consisting of permanent DOJ analysts, program managers, and administrative personnel; detailees (including the Director and Deputy Director) representing a variety of U.S. law enforcement agencies, and contractors. Personnel detailed to the USNCB are assigned to work in divisions dedicated to specific investigative areas including counterterrorism, transnational crime, and global police services.

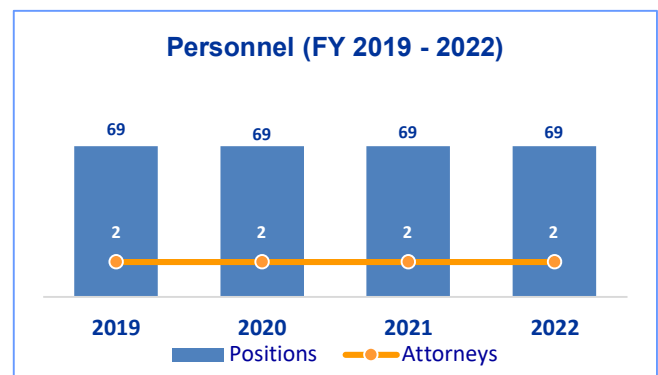
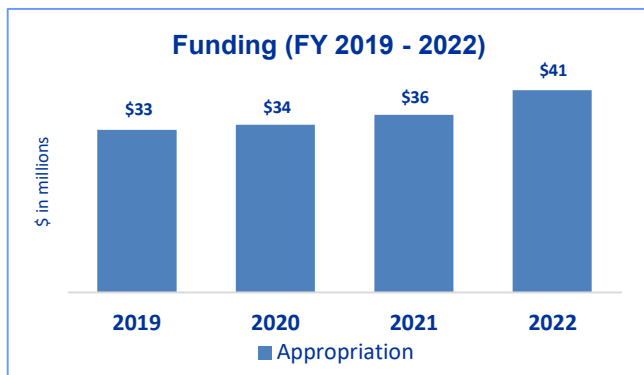
Operating every day of the year, the USNCB has the sole responsibility for providing support to U.S. law enforcement, border security and immigration agencies on all matters pertaining to INTERPOL and its other 193 member countries. The USNCB also maintains the technical connection for all U.S. law enforcement agencies to the EUROPOL communication system.

Resources:

The FY 2022 budget request for USNCB totals \$41.0 million, which is a 15.2 percent increase over the FY 2021 Enacted.

Personnel:

The USNCB's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 69 positions and are the same as FY 2021 Enacted.



FY 2022 Strategy:

The growth in transnational crime and the threats associated with international terrorism have resulted in a greater need for global law enforcement cooperation and access to international law enforcement information. The USNCB provides the necessary communications network, framework for police cooperation, and essential tools and services that lead to timely investigative results for our Nation's law enforcement authorities and their international counterparts engaged in the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

Facilitate Global Law Enforcement Communications

The USNCB provides Federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement officials with the ability to exchange information with INTERPOL and its 193 other member countries, either bilaterally, regionally, or globally. This unique capability facilitates police-to-police interaction in investigative matters ranging from simple criminal history checks to the sharing of intelligence and investigative leads targeting transnational organized crime groups. It also provides an international communications network for processing humanitarian assistance requests on U.S. citizens overseas or foreign nationals in the United States.

Support International Investigative Efforts

INTERPOL administers a system of international Notices to share information with its 194 member countries. As the USNCB, INTERPOL Washington is exclusively responsible for obtaining the publication of INTERPOL Notices on behalf of all U.S. law enforcement authorities, providing critical information on individuals wanted for serious crimes, potential threats, and missing persons, among other matters. The USNCB also performs an array of activities that directly support domestic and foreign law enforcement and enhances access to international law enforcement investigative assistance, data, and criminal intelligence. These activities typically involve the handling of both incoming and outgoing requests for assistance in criminal investigations. Additionally, the USNCB receives and responds to many requests relating to administrative matters that include applications for licenses and employment with a public safety and security nexus.

Increase and Enhance Access to Law Enforcement Information

The USNCB is committed to facilitating and encouraging the sharing of international law enforcement information throughout the United States. Its ability to support this mission is intrinsically linked to technology, interoperability and automation.

Through the USNCB's expansion initiatives, all States now can directly query INTERPOL databases through the USNCB information technology architecture. Automating INTERPOL queries for U.S. law enforcement officers is a proven, highly effective method for aggressively identifying, tracking, and apprehending subjects that have committed transnational crimes. The USNCB will continue to extend and automate national access to these INTERPOL systems as well as to improve and simplify the USNCB's ability to communicate securely with various law enforcement agencies through mobility platforms and Internet connected devices. The USNCB's on-going information sharing approach focuses on gaining efficiencies by reusing and enhancing existing capabilities and technologies to further strengthen national security.

Protecting Americans from National Security Threats

By strategically leveraging its access to INTERPOL's global law enforcement systems and capabilities, the USNCB has developed a suite of low-cost, high-yield projects to counter the spread of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and other radicalized elements. Under an umbrella of operations, these initiatives employ identification, screening, and detection methods that involve the use of physical tokens (i.e. passports), biometrics, data analytics, IT integration techniques, and INTERPOL's system of Notices and Diffusions to provide a broad-spectrum defense against transnational threats to our public safety and national security.

FY 2022 Program Changes:

IT Modernization: \$2.6 million and 0 positions

This request will modernize OA/Envoy, the IT infrastructure the USNCB utilizes to carry out its mission of facilitating international law enforcement cooperation as the United States' representative to INTERPOL. OA/Envoy encompasses both the USNCB's internal IT network (including servers, user workstations and laptops, network printers, system utilities, and communication interfaces) as well as a case management system comprised of web applications and database servers that track, record, and store case-related information for domestic and international cases. It also interfaces with the Justice Unified Telecommunications Network, through which all other external communications are facilitated. OA/Envoy is currently running on hardware and software that is rapidly approaching the end of its service life. Consequently, by FY 2022, the security patches and/or software upgrades needed to keep it in operation will no longer be available. Given the range of functions it supports – both domestically and internationally – a reduction or failure in the system's performance resulting from its impending obsolescence will have an immediate and highly adverse impact on the ability of U.S. law enforcement authorities to protect the United States from transnational criminal and terrorist threats, and to assist their counterparts in 193 other INTERPOL member countries. The USNCB continues to implement short-term stopgap fixes to prolong OA/Envoy as it seeks funding and a long-term solution. The current services for this initiative are \$1.2 million and 1 position.

INTERPOL Washington
(Dollars in Thousands)

	INTERPOL Washington		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2020 Appropriation	69	50	33,676
2021 Enacted	69	69	35,592
2022 Request	69	69	40,993
Change 2022 from 2021 Enacted	0	0	5,401
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	265
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	110
Foreign Expenses	0	0	2,392
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	2,767
2022 Current Services	69	69	38,359
Program Changes			
Increases:			
IT Modernization	0	0	2,634
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	2,634
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	2,634
2022 Request	69	69	40,993

INTERPOL Washington
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Comparison by activity and program	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	69	69	35,592	69	69	38,359
Total	69	69	35,592	69	69	38,359

Comparison by activity and program	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	0	0	2,634	69	69	40,993
Total	0	0	2,634	69	69	40,993