



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Criminal Division (CRM)

FY 2023 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2022 President's Budget:	\$215.2 million (772 positions; 478 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$10.8 million
Program Changes:	+\$4.2 million
FY 2023 Budget Request:	\$230.2 million (796 positions; 489 attorneys)
Change From FY 2022 President's Budget:	+\$15.0 million (+7.0%) (+24 positions; +11 attorneys)

Mission:

The mission of the Criminal Division (CRM) is to develop, enforce, and supervise the application of Federal criminal laws. CRM responds to critical and emerging national and international criminal threats and works with the enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence communities in a coordinated, nationwide response to reduce those threats.

CRM performs four key program activities to fulfill its mission: litigating cases (including multi-jurisdictional and international cases); providing expert guidance and legal advice (to the Attorney General, foreign counterparts, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices); reviewing and implementing law enforcement activities (e.g. Title III wiretaps, attorney fee forfeitures, correspondent banking subpoenas, and foreign legal frameworks); and fostering and maintaining global partnerships.

Resources:

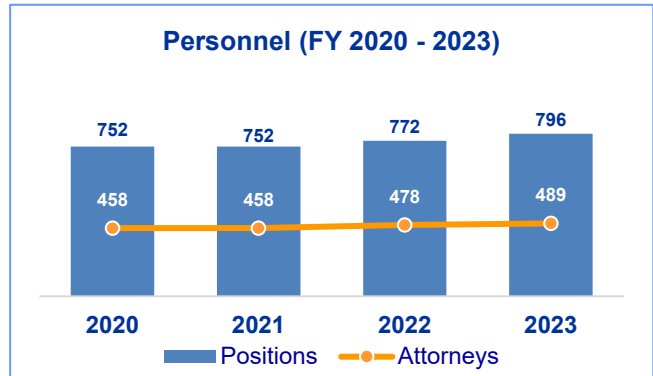
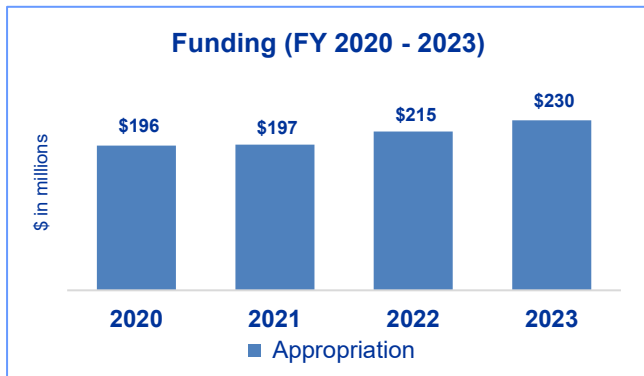
The FY 2023 budget request for CRM totals \$230.2 million, which is a seven percent increase over the FY 2022 President's Budget and a 12.1 percent increase over FY 2022 Enacted.

Organization:

CRM is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG supervises the enforcement of Federal criminal laws and policy for the Department of Justice and supervises criminal prosecutions by CRM's almost 700 prosecutors on a broad range of matters, including public corruption, corporate fraud, procurement fraud, computer crime, intellectual property crime, international organized crime, gang crime, narcotics offenses, money laundering offenses, child sexual exploitation, and human rights violations. Through CRM's extensive international operations, via its reimbursable programs with the State Department and other agencies, more than 100 direct and reimbursable staff are located in foreign offices.

Personnel:

CRM's requested direct authorized positions for FY 2023 total 796 positions, including an increase of 24 positions over the FY 2022 President's Budget of 772 direct authorized positions.



FY 2023 Strategy:

CRM has substantial prosecutorial expertise in a broad array of Federal criminal subject matters, as well as formidable legal expertise and Department-wide operational resources. CRM plays a substantial role in helping the Department accomplish its mission by working to prevent terrorism; promoting the Nation's security consistent with the rule of law; preventing crime; protecting the rights of the American people; and enforcing Federal law. Additionally, it plays the central role in the Department for maintaining global partnerships to further support the Department's mission and goals.

In working to achieve the mission of the Department, CRM has identified several priority areas to ensure that the United States' important justice needs, on both the national and transnational fronts, are effectively addressed, including:

- Ensuring trust and confidence in government institutions, by reducing public corruption at every level of government;
- Ensuring the stability and security of domestic and global markets, as well as the integrity of government programs, by reducing fraud, money laundering, and other economic crimes, committed by both corporations and individuals;
- Disrupting and dismantling criminal organizations and networks that act across State and national boundaries and that threaten our country through violence, drug trafficking, and computer crime;
- Combatting cyber-based threats and attacks;
- Protecting children and defending human rights;
- Promoting the rule of law around the world;
- Assisting law enforcement partners in obtaining evidence in the United States;
- Strengthening justice sector institutions in countries throughout the globe; and
- Supporting crime-fighting efforts across Federal, State, and local governments.

FY 2023 Program Changes:

Enhancing the Division's Data Analytics: \$1.5 million and 6 positions (4 attorneys)

The requested resources would improve the Division's data analytics capabilities in complex corporate criminal cases and corporate enforcement. Additional resources are needed because these cases and investigations are national or international in scope, and the amount of evidence collected for them has increased dramatically and continuously over the last 10 to 15 years due to the use and storage of vast amounts of electronic data by individuals, corporations, and public and private entities. Building upon its nationwide success with data-driven investigative techniques in its health care fraud enforcement efforts, the Fraud Section (FRD) has expanded those techniques into foreign bribery and corruption, complex market manipulation and securities, and commodities fraud enforcement. The current services for this initiative are \$1.9 million and 10 positions (0 attorneys).

Promoting the Investigation and Prosecution of Election Crimes: \$876,000 and 7 positions (3 attorneys)

This enhancement will provide the Public Integrity Section (PIN) additional resources dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of election crimes including voter suppression campaigns, intentional registration and voting by ineligible voters, campaign finance and patronage offenses, bribery of public officials, election-related Foreign Agents Registration Act violations, and ballot fraud (e.g., conduit contributions, foreign donations, multiple voting, vote buying, tally fraud). Challenges to election integrity continue to grow and evolve, posing significant new threats. PIN's investigation and prosecution of election crimes will ensure election integrity and protect voting rights by promoting access to voting and reducing the spread of disinformation. The current services for this initiative are \$560,000 and 2 positions (2 attorneys).

White Collar Investigations: \$1.0 million and 5 positions

This request provides funding to combat fraud and protect consumers, therefore ensuring economic opportunity and fairness. It includes five agents that will focus on proactive case generation and identify leads to pursue through further investigation, in coordination with other law enforcement agencies as appropriate. The investigators would assist in devising an investigative plan, including issuing grand jury subpoenas and identifying witnesses to interview. They would also assist with other investigative processes and serve as a credible liaison to law enforcement agencies with whom FRD works. There are no current services for this initiative.

Combat Child Exploitation: \$890,000 and 6 positions (4 attorneys)

This request will provide the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section with resources to further the Department's effort to reduce violent crime - specifically, the online threat that emerging technology poses and the prosecution of online-facilitated child sex trafficking, production of child pornography, and extraterritorial child exploitation. The rapid advancement of online technologies and platforms have caused online crimes against children to flourish and create dangerous new threats. Offenders have been emboldened by the protection of anonymizing technologies, like The Onion Router, virtual private networks or proxies, and Freenet. As a result, more training and analytical and prosecutorial support is needed to promote the Department's efforts to combat child sex trafficking. The current services for this initiative are \$8.6 million and 31 positions (20 attorneys).

Criminal Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Criminal Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2021 Appropriation	752	752	197,254
2022 Continuing Resolution	752	752	197,254
Expected Change from FY 2022 CR	20	10	17,919
2022 President's Budget	772	762	215,173
2023 Request	796	785	230,205
Change 2023 from 2022 President's Budget	24	23	15,032
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	10	6,942
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	1,283
Other Adjustments	0	0	-36
Foreign Expenses	0	0	106
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	2,500
Total Base Adjustments	0	10	10,795
2023 Current Services	772	772	225,968
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Enhancing the Division's Data Analytics	6	3	1,471
Promoting the Investigation and Prosecution of Election Crimes	7	4	876
Combat Child Exploitation	6	3	890
White Collar Investigations	5	3	1,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	24	13	4,237
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	24	13	4,237
2023 Request	796	785	230,205

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Comparison by activity and program	2022 President's Budget			2023 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	772	762	215,173	772	772	225,968
Total	772	762	215,173	772	772	225,968
Reimbursable FTE		155			155	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	772	917	215,173	772	927	225,968
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		290			290	
FTE Grand Total		1,207			1,217	

Comparison by activity and program	2023 Total Program Changes			2023 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	24	13	4,237	796	785	230,205
Total	24	13	4,237	796	785	230,205
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	155	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	24	13	4,237	796	940	230,205
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		-1			289	
FTE Grand Total		12			1,229	