



Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
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	\$1,578.4 million (429 positions; 150 attorneys; 67 agents) (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
	+\$0 (Indefinite Authority)
Program Changes:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
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Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority)
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Mission:

The Asset Forfeiture Program (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 Department of Justice's 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 as a tool to deter, disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises by depriving criminals of the fruits and instrumentalities of their illicit activity. Whenever possible, the program seeks to restore property to innocent victims of criminal fraud schemes.

Resources:

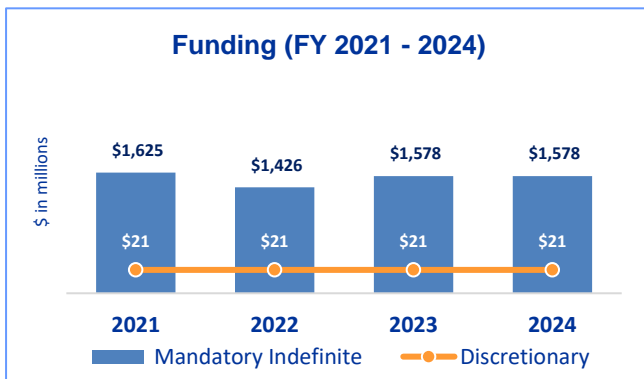
AFP funding is provided from forfeiture activities. The majority of AFP resources (\$1.6 billion) are mandatory authority, and \$20.5 million is discretionary appropriated and may be used for non-forfeiture related activities. The mandatory portion will be used to pay victims and third parties, share 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), the Criminal Division's (CRM) 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 positions for FY 2024 total 429 positions. This includes 38 positions in AFMS and sub-allotments of 210 positions for the USMS, 114 positions for CRM, 57 positions for the USA, four positions for the ATF, five positions for the FBI, and one position for DEA.



FY 2024 Strategy:

In FY 2024, the Department's forfeiture program will continue to 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. 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.

During FY 2022 in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the AFF provided resources in support of Task Force KleptoCapture investigations into Russian sanctions violations. This support will continue as necessary in FY 2023 and FY 2024. Pursuant to section 1708 of the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (Division M, Public Law 117-328), the AFF may transfer to the Secretary of State the proceeds of certain forfeited property for use by the Secretary of State to remediate the harms of Russian aggression towards Ukraine. These transfers will bolster Ukrainian reconstruction and support the Department's and Administration's goals to assist the people of Ukraine and hold Russia accountable for its aggressive actions in the country.

AFP provides 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.

An additional part of the 2024 strategy is to modernize 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. This modernization will ensure AFMS' ability to maintain the appropriate security level and support patching

required to make the system less vulnerable to hacking attempts and create a modern, digital, and transparent environment for the forfeiture process. The modernization will ensure continued access for users and facilitate the timely entry of data to allow the Program to meet its deadlines and produce accurate financial statements.

In recent years, the Program has focused increasing 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 2024 Program Changes:

Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)

AFP Program Adjustments:

No program changes.

Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)

No program changes requested.

