



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES INTERPOL Washington (USNCB)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$46.8 million (80 positions; 2 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$4.6 million
Program Changes:	+\$10.0 million
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$61.4 million (84 positions; 2 attorneys)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$14.6 million (+31.1%) (+4 positions)

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, attorneys, and administrative personnel; detailees 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, border security, and global police services.

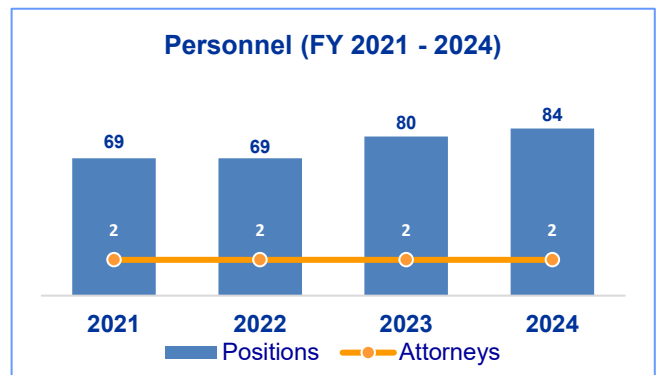
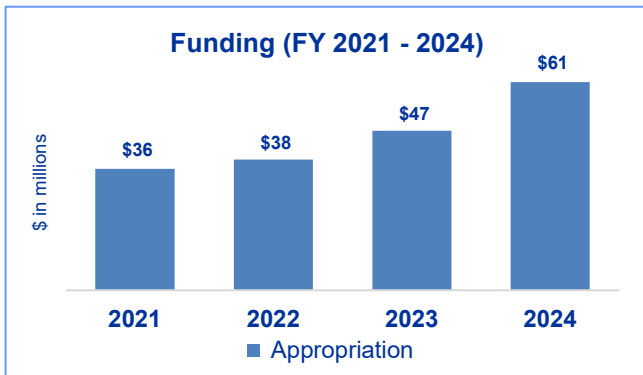
Operating 24/7/365, the USNCB has the sole responsibility for authorizing access to INTERPOL databases for U.S. authorities and for providing investigative support and expertise to U.S. law enforcement, border security and immigration agencies on all matters pertaining to INTERPOL and its other 194 member countries. The USNCB also maintains the technical connection for all U.S. law enforcement agencies to the EUROPOL communication system.

Resources:

The FY 2024 budget request for USNCB totals \$61.4 million, which is a 31.1 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Personnel:

The USNCB's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 84 positions, including an increase of four positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 80 direct authorized positions.



FY 2024 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 access to INTERPOL's 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 through INTERPOL to its 194 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 is also responsible for ensuring that INTERPOL notices and other communications issued on behalf of foreign member countries are accessible and disseminated to U.S. law enforcement authorities providing critically important information for border security and public safety purposes. 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 from U.S. authorities 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 have the ability to 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 our 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 2024 Program Changes:

Technology Modernization: \$10.0 million and 4 positions

This funding further supports the USNCB's initiatives, begun in FY 2023, to modernize information technology and infrastructure to expand INTERPOL access and information sharing. INTERPOL Washington is exclusively authorized to grant U.S. law enforcement agencies access to INTERPOL's global criminal investigative intelligence and information. It has strategically leveraged existing national information sharing environments to make INTERPOL data available to the more than 18,000 U.S. law enforcement agencies. Operating 24/7/365, the USNCB conducts mission-critical functions that include communicating with law enforcement agencies in the United States and 194 other INTERPOL member countries; initiating new cases involving requests for international law enforcement and humanitarian assistance, etc. The USNCB is also working to extend INTERPOL's I-24/7 secure global police communications system in high-risk areas and select host nations globally. There are \$5.0 million and 0 positions in current services for this initiative.

INTERPOL Washington
(Dollars in Thousands)

	INTERPOL Washington		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2022 Appropriation	69	59	38,359
2023 Enacted	80	75	46,796
2024 Request	84	82	61,355
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	4	7	14,559
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	5	1,513
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	7
Foreign Expenses	0	0	3,039
Total Base Adjustments	0	5	4,559
2024 Current Services	80	80	51,355
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Technology Modernization	4	2	10,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	4	2	10,000
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	4	2	10,000
2024 Request	84	82	61,355

INTERPOL Washington
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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	80	75	46,796	80	80	51,355
Total	80	75	46,796	80	80	51,355

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	4	2	10,000	84	82	61,355
Total	4	2	10,000	84	82	61,355