



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2020 Enacted:	\$343.0 million (84 positions; 8 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+0.0 million
Program Changes:	-\$343.0 million
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$0.0 million
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	-\$343.0 million (-100.0%) (84 positions; 8 attorneys)

Mission:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) mission is to advance public safety through the practice of community policing. By proactively addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates. The FY 2021 President's Budget proposes to merge the COPS Office into the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). This will allow the Department of Justice to centralize and strengthen the partnerships it has with its colleagues in state and local law enforcement and will help to promote community policing not only through the hiring program but also through the advancement of strategies for policing innovations and other crime-fighting techniques.

Resources:

The FY 2021 Budget does not request a direct appropriation for COPS, and instead proposes to merge the Office into OJP. As such, funding for COPS programs is requested through OJP.

Organization:

The COPS Office is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Attorney General. The COPS Office was established in 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies.

Personnel:

COPS has no direct authorized positions in the FY 2021 budget request because it is proposed to be merged with OJP.



