



## GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES INTERPOL Washington (USNCB)

FY 2023 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2022 President's Budget:	\$41.0 million (69 positions; 2 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$132,000
Program Changes:	+\$671,000
FY 2023 Budget Request:	\$41.8 million (80 positions; 2 attorneys)
Change From FY 2022 President's Budget:	+\$803,000 (+2.0%) (+11 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.

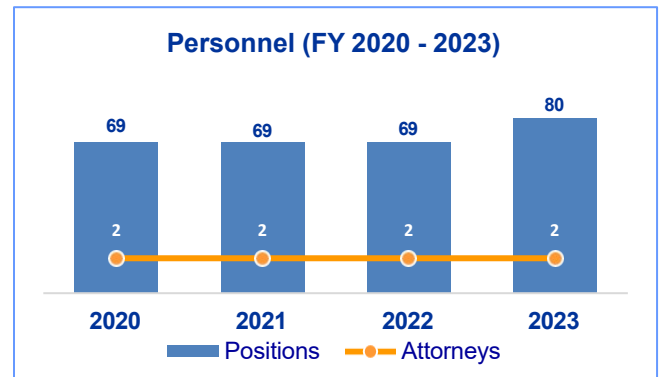
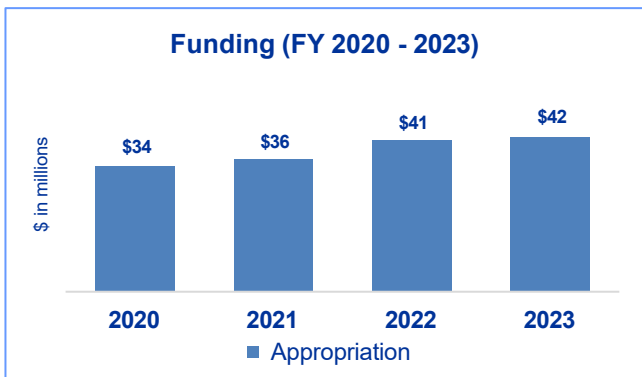
Operating 24/7/365, the USNCB has the sole responsibility for authorizing access to INTERPOL databases for U.S. authorities and for providing investigative support and expertise to U.S. law enforcement, border security and immigration agencies on all matters pertaining to INTERPOL and its other 194 member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

**Resources:**

The FY 2023 budget request for USNCB totals \$41.8 million, which is a 2.0 percent increase over the FY 2022 President's Budget and an 8.9 percent increase over FY 2022 Enacted.

**Personnel:**

The USNCB's direct authorized positions for FY 2023 total 80 positions, including an increase of 11 positions over the FY 2022 President's Budget of 69 direct authorized positions.



## **FY 2023 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 2023 Program Changes:**

### **Keeping Our Country Safe: \$671,000 and 11 positions**

The requested increase provides additional funding for personnel resources within the USNCB. The resources will provide support to an ever-increasing workload in support of the law enforcement communities. Specifically, this funding will support designated subject matter experts and single/multiple points of contacts assigned to six geographical regions within the country, as well as support operational activities in the Global Policing Services Division and Transnational Crime Division. This will greatly enhance the efficacy and use of INTERPOL by law enforcement, regardless of their size and location. Having dedicated personnel in the form of investigative analysts and sworn law enforcement officers from geographical regions will ensure that cases get the urgent and professional attention often required of them.

Without this additional support, the USNCB will have delays in reviewing and responding to notices from foreign governments on people who could be a threat to the United States but cannot be checked in a timely manner. The current services for this initiative are \$41.1 million and 69 positions.

**INTERPOL Washington**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	INTERPOL Washington		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2021 Appropriation</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>35,592</b>
<b>2022 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>35,592</b>
Expected Change from FY 2022 CR	0	0	5,401
<b>2022 President's Budget</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40,993</b>
<b>2023 Request</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>41,796</b>
<b>Change 2023 from 2022 President's Budget</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>803</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	393
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-2,554
Foreign Expenses	0	0	2,293
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>2023 Current Services</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>41,125</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Keeping Our Country Safe	11	6	671
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>2023 Request</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>41,796</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2022 President's Budget			2023 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	69	69	40,993	69	69	41,125
<b>Total</b>	69	69	40,993	69	69	41,125

Comparison by activity and program	2023 Total Program Changes			2023 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	11	6	671	80	75	41,796
<b>Total</b>	11	6	671	80	75	41,796