



**U.S. Department of Justice  
FY 2023 Budget Request**

**Protect Civil Rights  
(Amounts in \$000s)**

<b>Component / Initiative</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Agents/ Attorneys</b>	<b>\$000s</b>
<b>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Access to Justice (ATJ)</b>			
Access to Justice Programs	16	5	\$3,810
<b>Subtotal, ATJ</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$3,810</b>
<b>Criminal Division (CRM)</b>			
Promoting the Investigation and Prosecution of Election Crimes	7	3	\$876
<b>Subtotal, CRM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$876</b>
<b>Community Relations Service (CRS)</b>			
Mediation and Conciliation Services for Community Conflict	29	0	\$1,800
<b>Subtotal, CRS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>
<b>Civil Rights Division (CRT)</b>			
Confronting the Rising Tide of Hate and Bias	36	21	\$5,402
Reinforcing Democratic Institutions	30	20	\$4,689
Upholding Civil Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	24	15	4,450
<b>Subtotal, CRT</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$14,541</b>
<b>Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)</b>			
Securing Environmental Justice and Combating the Climate Crisis	49	40	\$6,544
Office of Environmental Justice	7	3	1,405
<b>Subtotal, ENRD</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$7,949</b>
<b>Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)</b>			
Legal Access Initiatives	20	8	\$188,585
Representing People in the Immigration System—Mandatory Program	52	18	\$450,000
<b>Subtotal, EOIR</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$638,585</b>
<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b>			
DT/Hate Crimes Lab Resources	7	0	\$2,700
Civil Rights	92	33	17,786
<b>Subtotal, FBI</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$20,486</b>
<b>U.S. Attorneys (USA)</b>			
Civil Rights Initiatives	60	60	\$8,167
<b>Subtotal, USA</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$8,167</b>
<b>Subtotal, Federal Programs</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>\$696,214</b>

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<b>GRANTS</b>			
<b>Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</b>			
Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act	0	0	5,000
Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Grants Program	0	0	10,000
Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention Initiative	0	0	5,000
<b>Subtotal, OJP</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Subtotal, Grants</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Total Program Enhancements</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>\$716,214</b>

The Justice Department was founded during Reconstruction to protect the civil rights promised by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments. The Department of Justice continues to honor that history by committing to a whole-of-Department approach to protect civil rights and reduce barriers to equal justice. The FY 2023 President's Budget includes **\$716.2 million and 429 positions (226 agents/attorneys)** in funding to preserve, protect, and defend civil rights. This funding will support police reform, provide for the prosecution of hate crimes, expand access to justice, protect the right to vote, and advance other civil rights objectives.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**Access to Justice (ATJ): \$3.8 million and 16 positions (5 attorneys)**

**Access to Justice Programs**

This request will enhance and expand ATJ core activities to broaden the scope of programs and activities that improve equal justice outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to, increasing pro bono services; improving language access coordination; expanding engagement and partnership building with stakeholder communities; and developing and implementing legal innovations to transform justice delivery systems. *Current services are \$6.2 million and 26 positions (7 attorneys).*

**Criminal Division (CRM): \$876,000 and 7 positions (3 attorneys)**

**Promoting the Investigation and Prosecution of Election Crimes**

This request will provide the Public Integrity Section (PIN) with additional resources dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of election crimes, including campaign finance and patronage offenses, bribery of public officials, election-related Foreign Agents Registration Act violations, and ballot fraud. *Current services are \$560,000 and 2 positions (2 attorneys).*

**Community Relations Service (CRS): \$1.8 million and 29 positions**

**Mediation and Conciliation Services for Community Conflict**

This funding will be used to enhance the CRS' ability to support communities working to reduce tensions and conflicts, improve police-community relations, and prevent and respond to bias incidents and hate crimes. This increase in resources will also enable the CRS to respond to an additional number of stakeholder requests to support peaceful protests, improve police-community relations, including with youth groups, and address sources of systemic inequality. The increase will also strengthen the CRS' capacity to support communities across the United States working to prevent and respond to bias incidents and hate crimes. *Current services are \$22.0 million and 70 positions.*

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### **Civil Rights Division (CRT): \$9.9 million and 60 positions (36 attorneys)**

#### **Confronting the Rising Tide of Hate and Bias: \$5.4 million and 36 positions (21 attorneys)**

This request will help support the Civil Rights Division's civil and criminal enforcement activities. The Civil Rights Division enforces over thirty Federal civil rights statutes, including laws that forbid discrimination in the areas of education, employment, housing, policing, public accommodations, and access to Federally funded programs. The Civil Rights Division will also use these funds to engage in outreach to the public about their rights and responsibilities under the civil rights laws, and to provide technical assistance to ensure that policies and programs are inclusive and nondiscriminatory. This funding will also support coordination with Federal, State, and local government agencies to share information and align enforcement strategies. *Current services are \$15.9 million and 88 positions (58 attorneys).*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget investment of \$20.7 million, which is essential to our FY 2023 request.

#### **Reinforcing Democratic Institutions: \$4.7 million and 30 positions (20 attorneys)**

This enhancement will support the Department's efforts to reinforce our democratic institutions through (1) protecting voting rights, (2) expanding educational opportunities, and (3) ensuring constitutional and non-discriminatory policing practices. *Current services are \$24.5 million and 130 positions (84 attorneys).*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget investment of \$20.7 million, which is essential to our FY 2023 request.

#### **Upholding Civil Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: \$4.5 million and 24 positions (15 attorneys)**

Artificial intelligence and machine learning tools used by police departments have the potential to perpetuate and exacerbate biases and discriminatory trends. This funding provides resources to evaluate whether police departments are implementing AI and machine learning-based tools in effective, non-discriminatory ways. The request includes staff and resources needed to develop new investigations, access subject matter experts who can work with legal teams, and expand coordination with other Federal agencies that are also considering and addressing the implications of augmented decision-making. *Current services are \$135,000 and 1 position (1 attorney).*

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### **Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD): \$7.9 million and 56 positions (43 attorneys)**

#### **Office of Environmental Justice: \$1.4 million and 7 positions (3 attorneys)**

This request supports Executive Order (EO) 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad," which directed the Attorney General to consider creating an Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) within the Department. The Attorney General has requested funding for a new Office, which will facilitate intra-Departmental coordination and interagency coordination in carrying out the Department's comprehensive environmental justice enforcement strategy required by EO 14008. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

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### **Securing Environmental Justice and Combating the Climate Crisis: \$6.5 million and 49 positions (40 attorneys)**

This request supports the President's directive to promote environmental justice and combat the climate crisis. The ENRD will carry out its important environmental justice responsibilities by addressing the disproportionately high and adverse human health, environmental, and other impacts borne by disadvantaged communities. The ENRD will also leverage existing authorities in affirmative cases to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and alleviate the impacts of climate change, and will continue to defend Federal programs and actions designed for those purposes. *Current services are \$5.5 million and 18 positions (16 attorneys).*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget request of \$5.0 million. The remaining \$4.8 million is essential to our FY 2023 request.

### **Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): \$638.6 million and 72 positions (26 attorneys)**

#### **Legal Access Initiatives: \$188.6 million and 20 positions (8 attorneys)**

This request will enable EOIR to increase and improve access to adjudications for certain individuals in proceedings before EOIR without representation. The requested increase will develop a competitive \$150.0 million grant program to support broader legal representation in the areas of greatest need for those adults and families appearing in immigration court. Additionally this requested increase will focus on programs associated with unaccompanied minors (\$4.7 million), specifically the continuation of a pilot program to provide representation for unaccompanied immigrant children and the Legal Orientation Program for the Custodians of Unaccompanied Alien Children National Call Center; additional funding for current Legal Access Programs (\$19.5 million), including the expansion of the Immigration Court Helpdesk; increased pro bono representation; and the creation of a remote virtual or telephonic legal orientation program. EOIR is also requesting additional funds to initiate a new Nationwide Policy (\$14.4 million), in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, to provide enhanced procedural protections. *Current services are \$34.8 million and 4,361 positions (1,911 attorneys).*

#### **Representing People in the Immigration System (Mandatory): \$450.0 million and 52 positions (18 attorneys)**

To complement discretionary investments in legal access, the 2023 Budget proposes a mandatory investment of \$4.5 billion in the Executive Office for Immigration Review over a 10-year period to make grants, enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to provide legal representation to individuals and families in the immigration system. This makes a total investment of \$600.0 million in FY 2023 to provide access to counsel to people navigating the immigration system.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): \$20.5 million and 92 positions (33 agents)**

#### **Civil Rights: \$17.8 million and 92 positions (33 agents)**

This request will allow the FBI to address civil rights violations and proactively mitigate them before they occur. This request will support increased investigative and tactical support, as well as greater community outreach and engagement. *Current services are \$63.6 million and 315 positions (185 agents).*

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### **DT/ Hate Crimes Lab Resources: \$2.7 million and 7 positions**

This request will enhance the FBI's ability to effectively respond to crime scenes and complete the exams, documentation, trial exhibits, and reports that often require months or years of work. Mass violence incidents like those at the Charleston church, Pittsburgh Synagogue, Gilroy Festival, and the El Paso Walmart are stark reminders of the broad and substantial occurrences of both domestic violence and hate crime incidents. The proliferation of military grade assault weapons with high-capacity magazines carrying high velocity ammunition has also, resulted in larger and more complex shooting scenes. Such shootings have caused a significant strain on the FBI's resources to conduct laboratory examinations, generate follow-on products, and support prosecution and courtroom testimony. This enhancement is a portion of the FBI's Countering Acts of Mass Violence and Threats to Public Safety program increase, totaling \$48.8 million and 208 positions. *Current services are \$494.1 million and 2,769 positions (836 agents).*

### **U.S. Attorneys (USA): \$8.2 million and 60 positions (60 attorneys)**

#### **Civil Rights Initiative**

Resources will provide dedicated civil rights positions in select U.S. Attorney Offices (USAOs). This will enable the USAOs to focus their efforts on civil and criminal enforcement of hate crimes, and to undertake more complicated trafficking cases, as prosecutors will not be required to split their time with other criminal dockets. Funds will also support outreach with Federal, State, and local partners on these matters. *Current services are approximately \$34.3 million and 142 positions (118 attorneys).*

## **GRANTS**

### **Office of Justice Programs (OJP): Total \$20.0 million (+\$19.0 million)**

#### **Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program: Total \$5.0 million**

This request will support new programs and activities authorized under the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality (NO HATE) Act of 2021. It will support strategies to assist State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies in enhancing their ability to report hate crimes and incidents by implementing and enhancing their reporting of incident-based crime in the National Incident-Based Reporting System. It will also assist States in creating State-run hate crime reporting hotlines, enhance existing victims' hotlines to address the needs of victims of hate crimes and incidents, and identify resources to assist victims of hate crimes and provide referrals to local support services. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

#### **Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Program: Total \$10.0 million (+\$1.0 million)**

Established in FY 2021, this program supports efforts to prevent and respond to hate crimes by providing funding and support to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to conduct outreach to those at risk for hate crimes and incidents; to educate criminal justice practitioners and the public on identifying, reporting, and responding to hate crimes and incidents; and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes. The FY 2023 budget requests \$10.0 million for this program to promote collaborative approaches to engage those at risk for hate crimes; build trust and remove barriers to reporting hate crimes and incidents; and prevent hate crimes through education and outreach. This program will also support (1) training and strategies to assist law

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enforcement agencies in identifying and effectively investigating and reporting hate crimes; (2) strategies to effectively prosecute hate crimes related incidents; and (3) national training and technical assistance to grantees to assist them in building capacity to effectively address hate crimes. *Current services are \$9.0 million for a total of \$10.0 million.*

The FY 2023 request was built on the FY 2022 President's Budget investment of \$4.0 million, which is still essential to our FY 2023 request.

### **Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention Initiative: Total \$5.0 million**

This is a new program that will focus on at-risk youth, youth in contact with the juvenile justice system, and victims of hate crimes. This initiative will provide programming to show youth how and why their hate-related beliefs were formed and contribute to negative behaviors; challenge attitudes to help develop new pro-social behaviors, coping skills, and attitudes; and reinforce those behaviors have consequences and that persistence hate-related views may place individuals at risk of further involvement with the juvenile justice system and place the public at risk. This initiative will also support training and technical assistance to assist grantees and support the expansion and distribution of a universal hate crime prevention and intervention curriculum for youth. *There are no current services for this initiative.*

**For additional information, please consult the FY 2023 Budget and Performance Summary.**