



Administering Just Court and Correctional Systems

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	IJs	\$000s
Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)				
Adjudication Optimization Initiative	150	38	25	\$45,000
Digital Transformation Initiative	9	0	0	\$30,000
Subtotal, EOIR	159	38	25	\$75,000
Bureau of Prisons (BOP)				
Security Cameras System Upgrades (Blind Spots)	0	0	0	\$35,500
Subtotal, BOP	0	0	0	\$35,500
Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Buildings & Facilities				
Fire Alarm Repairs and Replacements	3	0	0	\$82,000
Roof Replacements	1	0	0	\$46,000
Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) New York Design	0	0	0	\$24,000
Subtotal, BOP Buildings & Facilities	4	0	0	\$152,000
Total Resources	163	38	25	\$262,500

The Department of Justice is responsible for applying our Nation’s laws justly, consistently, and in a timely fashion, while also ensuring due process under the law. Fundamental to this is the administration of a fair and just Federal immigration system and prison system. As Federal agencies increase immigration enforcement and processing, it is becoming even more imperative that the Department manage immigration-related legal processes. This includes conducting immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, administrative hearings, and immigration related litigation matters, fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly, as well as address the backlog of over 2.4 million pending immigration court cases. Further, with over 157,000 individuals in the Federal prison system, it is important to ensure they are properly accounted for, treated humanely and with dignity, and returned to their communities with the necessary training and skills to become productive, law-abiding citizens. The FY 2025 request will strengthen both the Federal correctional

and immigration systems in support of Goal 5, *Administer Just Court and Correctional Systems*, of the Department’s FY 2022-FY 2026 Strategic Plan.

The Department’s FY 2025 President’s Budget includes \$75.0 million in immigration-related program enhancements for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). These investments will enhance the Department’s ability to conduct immigration hearings by expanding adjudicatory capacity, improving efficiency, and removing impediments to the timely administration of justice, as well as other efforts to reduce the current case backlog. It also includes \$187.5 million for Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), to ensure the safety and security of both Federal prisons’ staff and those individuals in BOP custody. This includes providing additional security cameras in continuation of the updates started in FY 2023, and necessary repairs and replacements to keep its institutions operational and safe.

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): \$75.0 million

 159 positions (25 IJs and 38 attorneys)

→ **Adjudication Optimization Initiative: \$45.0 million**

150 positions (25 IJs and 38 attorneys)

→ **Digital Transformation: \$30.0 million**

9 positions

Bureau of Prisons (BOP): \$35.5 million

Adjudication Optimization Initiative: \$45.0 million and 150 positions (25 IJs and 38 attorneys)

This program increase will support EOIR's ongoing adjudication optimization initiative. This initiative will enable EOIR to add 25 new immigration judges, or IJs (for a total of 759 IJs) and 125 support staff as well as space, equipment, and associated adjudicatory needs to address EOIR's significant pending caseload more efficiently and effectively. **Current services are \$906.1 million and 3,050 positions (1,500 attorneys).**

Digital Transformation: \$30.0 million and nine positions

This program increase supports EOIR's efforts to deploy digital modernization strategies and align technology investments to address the pending caseload. The request will enable EOIR to design, develop, and implement innovative solutions that will promote adjudicatory efficiency and facilitate the consistent application of immigration law. The proposed funding will simplify processes and improve the customer experience by using modern, cloud-based solutions and agile methodologies to develop and implement new capabilities and increase automation, thereby providing greater accessibility and ease of use to the public and improving the overall productivity and efficiency of each adjudicator. This effort will be undertaken in conjunction with the U.S. Digital Service. **Current Services are \$906.1 million and 3,050 positions (1,500 attorneys).**

Security Cameras System Upgrades (Blind Spots): \$35.5 million

This request provides critically needed additional security cameras, as well as upgrades to supporting security systems, throughout BOP institutions. This request is in accordance with timelines identified in the Prison Camera Reform Act of 2021 and will address concerns identified by the DOJ Office of Inspector General (OIG). In FY 2023, the BOP dedicated \$35.0 million towards upgrading existing camera systems, and this request builds on that investment by supporting the next phase: the placement of additional cameras beyond existing inventory levels. This program increase enhances institution safety and security by eliminating dangerous blind spots and improving video quality. **Current services are \$35.0 million.**

Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Buildings & Facilities: \$152.0 million

 4 positions

→ Fire Alarm Repairs and Replacements: \$82.0 million

3 positions

→ Roof Replacements: \$46.0 million

1 position

→ Metropolitan Correctional Center New York Design: \$24.0 million

Fire Alarm Repairs and Replacements: \$82.0 million and three positions

This request will allow the BOP to plan and prioritize the replacement of incompatible and obsolete fire alarm systems, resulting in safer working environments for employees and incarcerated individuals, while protecting BOP infrastructure and investments. Currently, BOP institutions have systems composed of many manufacturer models, incompatible or obsolete devices. Many systems are decades old, which makes repairs difficult and increasingly expensive due to limited availability of replacement components. Fire alarm systems are tightly integrated into all buildings, including system standby power, audible/visual alarms, smoke detectors, and fire suppression systems. Any interruption or malfunction in these systems can significantly delay emergency notifications to BOP employees and first responders. Reliable emergency notifications are needed to safely evacuate employees and incarcerated individuals and protect government property. **There are no current services for this request.**

Roof Replacements: \$46.0 million and one position

This request will support the replacement of a multitude of BOP institutions' aged, deteriorated, leaking roofs with new metal roofing products. This program increase will promote the safety, wellness and security of employees and incarcerated individuals, and will protect BOP infrastructure and investments, with the anticipated added benefit of substantial energy savings. Many of the existing membrane and metal roofing systems across the BOP need replacement. Numerous roofs are decades old and suffer from leaks that cause substantial damage to facility infrastructure that has required the removal of employees and incarcerated individuals from the vicinity for their safety. Water damage caused by faulty roof systems promotes the growth of mold and mildew and significantly affects indoor air quality and the health and safety of inmates and employees. Inadequate roofing also compromises the structural integrity of the framing system, causing damage to electrical components that are not designed for water intrusion. Numerous life, safety, and security components, such as fire alarm devices and cameras, are becoming inoperable due to water damage. **There are no current services for this request.**

Metropolitan Correctional Center New York Design: \$24.0 million

This request will fund design costs necessary for the BOP to reactivate the shuttered Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) New York facility. Due to substantial building inadequacy, the BOP temporarily relocated individuals in custody from the facility in December 2021 to the United States Penitentiary Lewisburg. An operable MCC New York will improve accessibility and movement of incarcerated individuals to the nearby Federal courts. This funding will support the Architecture and Engineering process that produces construction documents, cost estimates and environmental impact studies. ***There are no current services for this request.***