



## Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP)

FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2016 Enacted:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,826.9 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority) +\$148.4 million (Indefinite Authority)
Program Changes:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority) -\$529.9 million (Indefinite Authority)
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$20.5 million (Discretionary Authority) \$1,445.4 million (28 positions) (Indefinite Authority)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$0 (Discretionary Authority) -\$381.5 (-20.9%) million (Indefinite Authority)

### Mission:

The AFP's primary mission is to enforce federal laws by using asset forfeiture consistently and strategically to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises, deprive wrongdoers of the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activity, deter crime, and restore property to victims of crime while protecting individual rights. The AFP achieves this mission by providing federal law enforcement agencies that participate in the program the tools, policies, and funding to fight crime through forfeiture.

### Organization:

The Asset Forfeiture Management Staff (AFMS) is in the Justice Management Division and is located in Washington, DC. AFMS manages all financial and budgetary aspects of the Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF), along with information systems and nationwide forfeiture support contracts. Participating agencies of the AFP include the Criminal Division's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Marshals Service, United States Attorneys, and several other federal law enforcement agencies. Allocation recommendations are forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General by AFMS through the Justice Management Division.

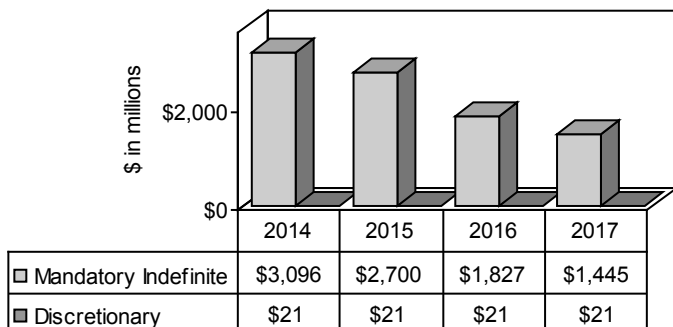
### Resources:

All AFP funding is provided from forfeiture activities. \$20.5 million of these funds are designated as discretionary and may be used for non-forfeiture related activities. \$1,445.4 million is designated as mandatory and will be used to pay victims and third parties, share resources with state and local participants, and fund programs in support of the AFP. An additional \$304 million is proposed for permanent cancellation.

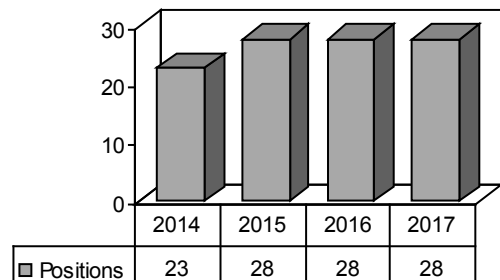
### Personnel:

AFMS has 28 personnel funded through the AFP. An additional 455 government positions dedicated to forfeiture-related activities within other components are funded through the AFP.

**Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)**



**Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)**



## **FY 2017 Strategy:**

In FY 2017, the Department's forfeiture program will play a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims.

The fight against money laundering combined with the law enforcement tool of asset forfeiture accomplishes many important goals by reducing and preventing crime such as border corruption, drug trafficking, and mortgage fraud. Investigating and forfeiting criminal assets can be a long and complex process and the challenges facing law enforcement in today's environment are immense. The AFP aims to provide investigators and prosecutors all the legal and regulatory tools necessary to keep up with, and ahead of, those who launder the proceeds of crime. To combat criminal activity effectively, law enforcement must have the means that are at least as sophisticated, if not more so, than criminals. The strategic use of asset forfeiture can provide critical assistance for overcoming these demanding challenges and ensuring there is no safe haven for criminal proceeds.

The AFP is the primary source of funding to pay for state and local law enforcement officer participation in DOJ task forces. The AFP pays for overtime, vehicles, and other equipment of the state and local officers. Over 6,100 AFP-funded state and local law enforcement officers participate in DOJ task forces.

The AFP faces a number of challenges, internal and external. For example, revenues are difficult to predict, particularly when there are large forfeiture cases with non-recurring deposits. The unpredictability of revenues must be carefully considered prior to providing participating agencies with forfeiture budget authority, as the Fund is not allowed to operate at a deficit. The Program is working to ensure the efficient and effective use of AFP resources. AFP's standardized forfeiture policies and internal controls foster inter-departmental cooperation and effective program management oversight. Additionally, the Program has initiated a thorough review of equitable sharing policies and practices. Externally, there is increasing participation with foreign countries while investigating and repatriating illicit proceeds secreted overseas. While beneficial, these cases can be difficult to negotiate and often take a significant amount of time to finalize.

## **FY 2017 Program Changes:**

### **Asset Forfeiture Program Permanent Indefinite Authority**

**Adjustment to FY 2017 Estimate:** -\$529.9 million and 0 positions

Current FY 2017 estimates for AFP mandatory expenses are \$529.9 million below current services. Current services includes a \$148.4 million increase above FY 2016 levels due to the restoration of FY 2016 sequestration.

**Asset Forfeiture Program**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Asset Forfeiture Program (Permanent Indefinite Authority)			Asset Forfeiture Program (Discretionary Authority)			Total		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
<b>2015 Appropriation</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,819,646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,840,160</b>
2015 Sequester Cut	0	0	-119,741	0	0	0	0	0	-119,741
<b>2015 Enacted with Rescissions</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,699,905</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,720,419</b>
<b>2016 Enacted</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,975,275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,995,789</b>
2016 Sequester Cut	0	0	-148,409	0	0	0	0	0	-148,409
<b>2016 Enacted with Rescissions</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,826,866</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,847,380</b>
<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,445,360</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,465,874</b>
<b>Change 2017 from 2016 Enacted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-381,506</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-381,506</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>									
Restoration of FY 2016 Sequester	0	0	148,409	0	0	0	0	0	148,409
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148,409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148,409</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>									
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2017 Current Services</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,975,275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,995,789</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>									
<b>Increases:</b>									
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>									
Adjustment to FY 2017 Estimate	0	0	-529,915	0	0	0	0	0	-529,915
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>
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**Asset Forfeiture Program**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Enacted			2017 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	28	28	1,826,866	28	28	1,975,275
AFF - Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	20,514	0	0	20,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,847,380</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,995,789</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,847,380</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,995,789</b>

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Total Program Changes			2017 Request		
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AFF - Permanent, Indefinite Authority	0	0	-529,915	28	28	1,445,360
AFF - Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	0	0	0	20,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,465,874</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-529,915</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,465,874</b>