



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Summary: Fiscal Year 2011 **Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations** *Consolidated Appropriations Bill*

2010 Enacted: \$64.4 billion (excludes emergency appropriations)
President's Request: \$60.5 billion
Omnibus Agreement: \$58.0 billion

The agreement totals \$58.0 billion in discretionary budget authority for fiscal year 2011, \$6.4 billion below fiscal year 2010, and \$2.5 billion below the President's request.

Priorities for the agreement include:

- (1) Keeping America safe from terrorism and violent crime;
- (2) Investing in America's scientific infrastructure to create new technologies and new jobs; and
- (3) Ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer funds by cracking down on waste, fraud, and abuse.

Keeping America Safe from Terrorism and Violent Crime:

The agreement provides a total of **\$29.9 billion** for the Department of Justice, which is \$1.6 billion above the enacted level, and \$176.5 million above the President's budget request.

- **State and Local Law Enforcement** – The agreement provides a total of **\$3.8 billion**, which is \$115.5 million above the enacted level and \$345 million above the President's budget request, for grants to aid local and state law enforcement and crime victims. From 2001 to 2006 these grant programs were cut by nearly \$2 billion.
 - \$519 million for **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**, state formula grants to assist local law enforcement;
 - \$542 million for **Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS)** programs, including \$363 million for COPS Hiring grants to hire or retain roughly 1,500 police officers;
 - \$506 million for **juvenile justice and delinquency prevention**;
 - \$449 million to **prevent violence against women**; and
 - \$363 million to **prevent, investigate and prosecute crimes against children**.

- **Bureau of Prisons (BOP)** – BOP is provided **\$6.8 billion**, which is \$618 million above the enacted level and \$20 million above the President’s request, to address rising costs, add staff, reduce overcrowding and help inmates successfully reintegrate into their communities.
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** – The FBI is provided **\$8.2 billion**, which is \$298 million above the enacted level and \$44 million below the President’s budget request. Of that total, \$450 million is provided to hire at least 140 new special agents and 45 new forensic accountants and analysts to investigate mortgage fraud, \$79 million to address Internet crimes against children, child prostitution and domestic sex trafficking cases, and \$182 million to protect our nation from cyber attacks.
- **U.S. Marshals Service** – The U.S. Marshals Service is provided **\$1.2 billion**, which is \$17 million above the enacted level and equal to the President’s budget request. This includes \$61 million for enforcement of the **Adam Walsh Act**, which is \$10 million above President’s budget request and will hire 50 new Deputy U.S. Marshals.
- **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** – The DEA is provided **\$2.1 billion**, \$77 million above the enacted level and equal to the President’s request, to help stop the flow of illegal drugs across the Southwest border and to investigate, disrupt and dismantle major Mexican drug cartels.
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)** – ATF is provided **\$1.16 billion**, which is \$4.7 million above the enacted level and equal to the President’s request, to reduce violent crime and enforce Federal firearms and explosives laws. The total includes an additional \$13 million and 37 positions to combat firearms trafficking along the Southwest border.
- **Crime Victims Fund (CVF)** – The agreement permits the expenditure of **\$820 million** from the CVF for grants to assist victims of crime. This is \$115 million above the enacted level and \$20 million above the President’s request.

Investing in America’s scientific infrastructure to create new technologies and new jobs:

- **Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)** – The agreement provides **\$7 million** for OSTP, equal to the budget request.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** – The agreement provides **\$18.9 billion** for NASA, \$186 million above the Fiscal Year 2010 level and \$90 million less than the President’s request. The total funding includes \$989.1 million for base Space Shuttle operations; \$2.7 billion for Space Station operations; \$825 million for an additional Shuttle flight, if determined to be safe, and for launch infrastructure for the heavy lift rocket; \$3 billion for development of the Orion multipurpose crew vehicle and the heavy lift launch vehicle; \$5 billion for science; \$580 million for aeronautics; and \$559 million for space and exploration technology research. It funds the agreement embodied in the NASA Authorization Act of 2010 to restructure NASA’s human

spaceflight programs. It funds increases in science and aeronautics research, provides for development of a new heavy lift launch vehicle and Orion crew capsule for exploring beyond low-Earth orbit, extends the life of the International Space Station through 2020, supports the burgeoning commercial space industry, invests in new technology development, and allows one additional Space Shuttle flight, if determined to be safe.

- **National Science Foundation (NSF)** – The agreement provides **\$7.34 billion** for NSF, \$418 million above the Fiscal Year 2010 enacted level. The total includes \$5.9 billion for research, \$157 million for research equipment and facilities, and \$900 million for education activities.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** – The agreement provides **\$878 million** for NIST, which is \$21 million above the Fiscal Year 2010 level enacted level and \$41 million below the President’s request. The agreement provides \$70 million for the **Technology Innovation Program (TIP)**, equal to the President’s request. The agreement also includes \$125 million for the **Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program**.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** – The agreement provides more than **\$5.5 billion** for NOAA, \$805 million above the Fiscal Year 2010 level, not including supplemental funding, and \$8.4 million above the President’s budget request. The agreement includes: \$541 million for the **National Ocean Service**; \$1.0 billion for the **National Weather Service**; \$914 million for the **National Marine Fisheries Service**; \$2.0 billion for **satellite programs**; and \$456 million for **Oceanic and Atmospheric research**, including climate science.
- **Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)** – The agreement continues the policy of providing PTO with full access to fees collected from inventors, estimated at \$2.26 billion for Fiscal Year 2011, including the approval of a new 15% surcharge as requested by the President.
- **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)** – The agreement provides **\$62 million** for NTIA, including \$20 million for the **Public Television Facilities Planning and Construction (PTFPC)** grant program.

Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

All of the agencies funded under the agreement are called on to be better stewards of taxpayers’ dollars. The agreement:

- Cuts reception and representation funds by 25 percent, so agencies reduce costs of executive meetings, receptions, and conferences, or buying fewer promotional items like t-shirts, hats, and mugs;
- Prohibits lavish banquets and conferences;

- Requires all agencies to cut overhead costs by at least 10 percent, by reducing non-essential travel, supply, rent, and utility costs;
- Increases funding to Inspectors General (IGs), the taxpayers' watchdogs at the agencies;
- Requires the IGs to do random audits of grant funding so we can find and stop waste and fraud; and
- Establishes an early warning system on cost overruns, which requires agencies to notify the Committees on Appropriations when costs of projects grow by more than 10 percent.

Other Important Programs:

- **International Trade Administration** – The agreement provides **\$514 million**, \$58 million above the enacted level and \$30 million below the President's request. Increased funding supports the new National Export Initiative designed to double American exports over the next 5 years.
- **Bureau of the Census** – The agreement provides **\$1.2 billion** for the Census Bureau, which is \$6.0 billion below the enacted level and \$32 million below the President's request. This level provides funding to complete the 2010 Census.
- **Commission on Civil Rights** – The agreement provides **\$9.4 million**, equal to both the President's request and the enacted level. Designates the Inspector General of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to also serve as the IG of the Commission on Civil Rights.
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** – The agreement provides **\$385.3 million**, \$18 million above the enacted level and equal to the President's request.
- **International Trade Commission** – The agreement provides **\$87 million**, \$5 million above the enacted level and equal to the request.
- **Legal Services Corporation** – The agreement provides **\$440 million**, a \$20 million increase above the enacted level and \$5 million above the President's request, for civil legal assistance to people who are unable to afford it. LSC is the largest provider of civil legal aid for the nation's economically disadvantaged. However, there is still a large unmet need for legal services; a 2005 study found that for every eligible person served, another was turned away due to lack of LSC resources.
- **Marine Mammal Commission** – The agreement provides **\$3.5 million**, which is \$500,000 above the President's request.
- **Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)** – The agreement provides **\$48 million**, same as the enacted level and equal to the President's request.

- **State Justice Institute (SJI)** –The agreement provides **\$6.3 million**, \$1.1 million above the enacted level and \$862,000 above the President’s request.

IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS:

LSC Restrictions: Language is included that lifts the existing restriction on public and private funding to permit the use of funds for the pursuit of class action cases on behalf of individuals eligible for legal aid. This revision will better enable LSC grantees to address systemic problems, such as predatory lending and wrongful eviction, in a more efficient manner by consolidating cases. All other restrictions are unchanged.

Guantanamo Detainees: The agreement does not include the Administration’s request for the first year costs of criminal trials for some former Guantanamo Bay detainees because the Administration’s plan for these trials is still undefined. Language is included that prohibits the Department of Justice from acquiring a prison facility to incarcerate or detain current Guantanamo Bay detainees in the U.S.

Human Spaceflight: Provides funding to implement the recently enacted NASA Authorization Law (P.L. 111-267) that restructures the next generation human space flight program.

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