

# FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$66.538 billion. The defense portion of the allocation is \$6.356 billion, and the non-defense portion of the allocation is \$60.182 billion.

Consistent with the topline agreement, the bill provides non-defense topline resources totaling 75.398 billion – a 3% reduction from the Fiscal Year 2023 enacted level and a cut of nearly 10 billion from the President's Budget Request.

Importantly, the Act reins in the Washington bureaucracy by right-sizing agencies and programs and redirects that funding to combat fentanyl and counter the People's Republic of China.

In particular, the Act utilizes the power of the purse to address weaponization of the growing bureaucracy within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), while supporting state and local law enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

## TOP LINE MESSAGING

- Refocuses Washington spending, cuts wasteful bureaucracy, and holds the Administration accountable by:
  - Reversing anti-Second Amendment overreach by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) by significantly reducing its overall funding by \$122 million, a 7% decrease from the FY23 enacted level.
  - Holding the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) accountable for targeting everyday Americans by reducing its overall operating budget by \$654 million and cutting its construction account by 95%.
  - Directing the FBI to explore ways to decentralize its presence in D.C.
  - Eliminating wasteful grant programs that advance the Administration's progressive agenda and instead responsibly investing in programs with targeted funding to rural and underserved communities.
  - Requiring the DOJ to hold Immigration Judges accountable by implementing a performance appraisal system for Immigration Judges.
  - Requiring the DOJ to report to Congress on DOJ employees convicted of a felony.
  - Eliminating cost share waivers put in place by COVID-19 policies.
  - Reinstating the cost-share for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program.
  - Increasing oversight of the DOJ's administering of grant programs to ensure funds are spent as allocated.



- Bolsters our national security by:
  - Requiring the DOJ's National Security Division to report a complete accounting of their efforts to prosecute Chinese espionage against American businesses, research institutions, and academia emanating under the China Initiative.
  - Directing the DOJ to increase its efforts to investigate and support DOJ criminal prosecutions against those who committed war crimes during Hamas' October 7th attack on Israel.
  - Maintaining fiscally responsible investments in American research to counter China's increasing investments in basic research and technology development.
  - Investing in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, quantum, and advanced manufacturing.
  - Supporting the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) by providing critical funding to advance the Artemis program, securing American leadership in space and countering China's malign ambitions.
  - Protecting U.S. research from Chinese theft by supporting the National Science Foundation's Office of Research Security Strategy and Policy.
  - Supporting state and local manufacturers to secure our supply chain and curb reliance on China for a variety of products and technologies, including semiconductors.
  - Supporting the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration's efforts to support resilient supply chains that are critical to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness.
  - Maintaining strong support for law enforcement through robust funding for Byrne JAG formula grants, COPS Hiring grants, and Community Project Funding for state and local law enforcement activities.
  - Supporting DOJ evidence-based grant programs that assist law enforcement in addressing the opioid crisis, eliminating the rape kit backlog, combatting child exploitation, and stopping school violence.
  - Expanding law enforcement efforts to combat human trafficking, including a focus on rural communities.
  - Increasing the DEA's funding to expand its efforts to combat fentanyl.
  - Supporting the National Institute of Standards and Technology's leadership in critical technology international standards to ensure American standards remain the international benchmark for emerging technologies.
- Supports American values and principles by:
  - Prohibiting the DOJ from targeting or investigating parents who exercise their right to free speech at local school board meetings.
  - Prohibiting the DOJ from investigating or prosecuting churches on the basis of their religious beliefs.
  - Requiring the U.S. Marshals to fully enforce their obligation under federal law to protect Supreme Court Justices.
  - Requiring the DOJ to report to Congress the instances where the Department forced a defendant to donate funds to a third-party activist organization.



## LEGACY RIDERS MAINTAINED

- Maintains longstanding, bipartisan riders, including:
  - A prohibition on the use of funds to require certain export licenses for firearms.
  - A prohibition on the use of funds to deny, or fail to act upon, applications to import U.S. origin "curios or relics" firearms, parts, or ammunition.
  - A prohibition on the use of funds to deny the import of shotgun models for sporting purposes.
  - A prohibition on implementing the Arms Trade Treaty, unless ratified by the Senate.
  - A prohibition on the use of DOJ funds to pay for an abortion, except where the life of the mother would be endangered.
  - A prohibition on bringing prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to U.S. soil.

## **DEMOCRAT POISON PILLS REJECTED**

- Rejects harmful Democrat policies that would have:
  - Halted reimbursements to law enforcement for the costs of incarcerating unauthorized criminal aliens.
  - Expanded wasteful DOJ grant programs focused on progressive priorities.
  - Replaced Department of Commerce and DOJ vehicle fleets with electric vehicles, saving taxpayers nearly \$54 million.

## **DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY**

#### **Title I - Department of Commerce**

Provides a discretionary total of \$10.83 billion for the Department of Commerce, which is \$194 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.5 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- International Trade Administration: Provides \$611 million for the International Trade Administration, which is \$2 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$101.8 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Industry and Security:** Provides \$191 million for the Bureau of Industry and Security, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$31 million below the President's Budget Request.



- Economic Development Administration: Provides \$468 million for the Economic Development Administration, which is \$30 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$336 million below the President's Budget Request.
  - Includes \$400 million for the Economic Development Assistance programs.
  - Responsibly invests in the authorized Regional Technology Hubs program, which aims to spur economic growth by increasing distressed regions' capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy critical technologies.
- Economic and Statistical Analysis: Provides \$125 million for Economic and Statistical Analysis, which is \$5 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$29 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of the Census:** Provides \$1.382 billion for the Bureau of the Census, which is \$103 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$224 million below the President's Budget Request.
  - Provides \$328.5 million for Current Surveys and Programs.
  - Provides \$1.054 billion for Periodic Censuses and Programs.
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration: Provides \$59 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which is \$3 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$58 million below the President's Budget Request.
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Provides \$4.196 billion for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which is \$58 million below the FY23 enacted level and equal to the President's Budget Request.
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Provides \$1.46 billion for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which is \$167 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$172 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Minority Business Development Agency:** Provides \$68.25 million for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), which is \$1.75 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$42 million below the President's Budget Request.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Provides \$6.36 billion for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is \$162 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$444 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Departmental Management:** Provides \$94.5 million for the Department of Commerce Departmental Management, which is \$500,000 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$31 million below the President's Budget Request.



• Office of Inspector General: Provides \$48 million for the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$5 million below the President's Budget Request.

#### **Title II - Department of Justice**

Provides a discretionary total of \$37.15 billion for the Department of Justice, which is \$977 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.8 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- Justice Operations, Management, and Accountability: Provides \$142 million for Justice Operations, Management, and Accountability, Salaries and Expenses, which is \$3 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$70.5 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Justice Information Sharing Technology: Provides \$30 million for Justice Information Sharing Technology, which is \$108 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$163.6 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR): Provides \$844 million for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which is \$16 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$611.3 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Office of Inspector General: Provides \$139 million for the Office of Inspector General, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$12.6 million below the President's Budget Request.
- United States Parole Commission: Provides \$14 million for the salaries and expenses of the United States Parole Commission, which is \$591,000 below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.1 million below the President's Budget Request.
- General Legal Activities: Provides \$1.090 billion for General Legal Activities, which is \$48 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$241 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Antitrust Division: Provides \$233 million for the Antitrust Division (ATR), which is \$8 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$91.82 million below the President's Budget Request. This appropriation is offset by estimated pre-merger filing fee collections.
- United States Attorneys: Provides \$2.611 billion for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the 94 United States Attorneys' offices, which is \$21 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$259.4 million below the President's Budget Request.



- United States Trustee System Fund: Provides \$245 million for the United States Trustee Program, which is \$10 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$31.8 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Foreign Claims Settlement Commission: Provides \$2.5 million for the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$106,000 below the President's Budget Request.
- Assets Forfeiture Fund: Provides \$20.5 million for the Assets Forfeiture Fund, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and the President's Budget Request.
- United States Marshals Service, Salaries and Expenses: Provides \$1.692 billion for the salaries and expenses of the United States Marshals Service, which is \$13 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$232.5 million below the President's Budget Request.
- United States Marshals Service, Construction: Provides \$15 million for United States Marshals Service, Construction, which is \$3 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$9.3 million below the President's Budget Request.
- United States Marshals Service, Federal Prisoner Detention: Provides \$2.1 billion for Federal Prisoner Detention, which is \$29.8 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$25.7 million below the President's Budget Request.
- National Security Division: Provides \$128 million for the salaries and expenses of the National Security Division, which is \$5.5 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$16.7 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces: Provides \$547 million for Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces, which is \$3.5 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.5 million below the President's Budget Request, to enhance multiagency efforts to combat transnational organized crime and reduce the availability of illicit drugs.



- Federal Bureau of Investigation: Provides \$10.674 billion for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which is \$654 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$712 million below the President's Budget Request.
  - Reduces the FBI construction account by \$621.9 million below the FY23 enacted level, resulting in a 95% cut.
  - Directs the FBI to allocate the maximum amount of resources to support efforts to combat fentanyl.
- **Drug Enforcement Administration:** Provides a direct appropriation of \$2.57 billion for the salaries and expenses of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In addition, the DEA expects to derive \$620 million from fees deposited in the Diversion Control Fund to carry out the Diversion Control Program, resulting in \$3.187 billion in total spending authority for the DEA. The spending authority in the agreement is \$42.4 million more than the FY23 enacted level and \$93.9 million below the President's Budget Request.
  - Supports the DEA's efforts to develop sophisticated Counter Threat Teams to target transnational criminal organizations and the surge in fentanyl.
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:** Provides \$1.625 billion for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which is \$122 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$250.5 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Prisons, Salaries and Expenses:** Provides \$8.392 billion for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Prison System, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$251.7 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Prisons, Buildings and Facilities:** Provides \$179.8 million for Bureau of Prisons Buildings and Facilities, which is \$110 million below the FY23 enacted level and equal to the President's Budget Request.
- Office on Violence Against Women: Provides \$713 million for the Office on Violence Against Women, which is \$14 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$287 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Office of Justice Programs: Provides \$3.12 billion for the Office of Justice Programs, which is \$62.3 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$424.01 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Community Oriented Policing Services:** \$664.5 million for Community Oriented Policing Services, which is \$1.6 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$14 million above the President's Budget Request.



#### Title III – Science

Provides a discretionary total of \$33.95 billion for Science, which is \$987.71 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$4.6 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- Office of Science and Technology Policy: Provides \$7.97 million for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$230,000 below the President's Budget Request.
- **National Space Council**: Provides \$1.97 million for the National Space Council (NSC), which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$53,000 below the President's Budget Request.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Provides \$24.88 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which is \$508.7 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$2.3 billion below the President's Budget Request.
- National Science Foundation: Provides \$9.06 billion for the National Science Foundation, which is \$479 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$2.29 billion below the President's Budget Request.

#### **Title IV – Related Agencies**

Provides a discretionary total of \$1.126 billion for Related Agencies, which is \$114 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$389 million below the President's Budget Request.

- **Commission on Civil Rights:** Provides \$14.35 million for the Commission on Civil Rights, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$1.2 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Provides \$455 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$26 million below the President's Budget Request.
- International Trade Commission: Provides \$122 million for the International Trade Commission, which is \$400,000 below the FY23 enacted level and \$5.4 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Legal Services Corporation: Provides \$560 million for the Legal Services Corporation, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$240 million below the President's Budget Request.



- Office of the United States Trade Representative: Provides \$74 million for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, which is \$2 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.9 million below the President's Budget Request.
- Marine Mammal Commission: Provides \$4.5 million for the Marine Mammal Commission, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$540,000 below the President's Budget Request.
- **State Justice Institute:** Provides \$7.64 million for the State Justice Institute, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and the President's Budget Request.

#### **Community Project Funding**

The list of Community Project Funding requests included in final Fiscal Year 2024 bills is available here: https://appropriations.house.gov/fiscal-year-2024-community-project-funding