

FUNCTION 750: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

FUNCTION SUMMARY

Function 750 includes funding for federal law enforcement activities, including criminal investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), border enforcement and the control of illegal immigration by the Customs Service and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and also funding for prison construction, drug treatment, crime prevention programs and the federal Judiciary.

In 1998, spending for Function 750 was \$25.1 billion in BA and \$22.5 billion in outlays, which was a 5.2 percent increase over the 1997 spending level. Discretionary spending represents 96.3 percent of total spending in the function. The discretionary function total for 1998 includes \$5.4 billion in BA and \$3.9 billion in outlays for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund (VCRTF) authorized by the 1994 Crime bill.

Funding for the major law enforcement agencies, federal prisons and the Judiciary accounts for most of this discretionary spending. In 1998, funding for the FBI was \$3.4 billion, \$3.8 billion for INS, \$2.2 billion for the Customs Service, and \$1.2 billion for the DEA. The Office of Justice Programs received \$5.2 billion and the Federal Prison System received \$3.1 billion.

As reflected in the spending summary table, under the freeze baseline, Function 750 will decrease by 2.2 percent in BA between 1998 and 2003 but outlays would increase by 8.5 percent over the same period. The outlay increase is due primarily to increases in State Prison grants, drug assistance programs, local law enforcement block grants, and numerous violent crime reduction programs.

The BBA establishes Function 750 as a protected function in the budget. The Community Policing Services (Cops on the Beat) was a protected program in the 1998 budget.

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SPENDING SUMMARY (\$ billions)

		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Chairman's Mark	BA	25.1	25.9	24.5	24.5	24.7	25.0
	OT	22.5	24.6	24.9	24.8	24.3	24.2
BBA	BA	25.1	25.4	24.3	24.5	25.0	25.6
	OT	22.5	24.8	25.4	26.0	25.0	25.5
Freeze Baseline	BA	25.1	25.0	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.6
	OT	22.5	24.0	24.6	24.8	24.7	24.4
Chairman's Mark compared to:							
BBA	BA	--	+0.5	+0.2	--	-0.3	-0.6
	OT	--	-0.2	-0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-1.3
Freeze Baseline	BA	--	+0.9	-0.3	-0.2	+0.1	+0.4
	OT	--	+0.6	+0.3	--	-0.4	-0.2

DESCRIPTION OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK

The 1999 Chairman's Mark proposes total spending of \$25.9 billion in BA and \$24.6 billion in outlays. This represents an increase of \$0.8 billion in BA and \$2.1 billion in outlays, a 3.2 percent and a 9.3 percent increase respectively over 1998. The discretionary spending increase includes \$5.8 billion in BA and \$5.4 billion in outlays for VCRTF programs. Compared to 1998, this funding represents a 5 percent increase in BA and an 8 percent increase in outlays for VCRTF.

The 1999 Chairman's Mark of \$25.9 billion is \$0.5 billion in BA above and \$0.2 billion in outlays under the BBA. It is \$0.9 billion in BA and \$0.6 billion in outlays above the freeze. The Chairman's Mark assumes the following:

- ▶ The Chairman's Mark fully funds the **Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund (VCRTF)** with \$5.8 billion in BA and \$5.4 billion in outlays. The Chairman's Mark assumes current policy funding for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants, unlike the President's proposed termination of this program. Among the other programs and activities funded in the trust fund are state prison grants, drug testing programs, COPs, Violence Against Women, Interagency Law Enforcement, youth courts, narrowband communications,

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Byrne grants, criminal history records, state criminal alien assistance, and tribal courts. Funds are also available for the U.S. Marshals, Secret Service, Customs, INS, U.S. Attorneys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the FBI.

- ▶ Within the VCRTF, the Chairman's Mark assumes \$1.4 billion will be available for completion of the **Community Oriented Policing Services program (Cops on the Beat)**. The President assumes the program will have fulfilled its objectives in 1999 and requests no additional funds beyond next year.
- ▶ The Chairman's Mark increases funding over the baseline for **juvenile crime reduction programs** by \$100 million in 1999, a 43 percent increase over 1998, for a total increase of \$1.5 billion in BA over five years.
- ▶ In addition to funds provided in the VCRTF, the Chairman's Mark assumes an increase for the **Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)** of \$93 million in BA and \$79 million in outlays to support efforts to advance border control, improve illegal alien detention and deportation efforts, and provide assistance to local law enforcement officials. These funds may also be used for increasing the number of **Border Patrol** agents.
- ▶ The Chairman's Mark also assumes increases over the freeze baseline and in addition to funds provided in the VCRTF for the:
 - **FBI** (\$40 million in BA and \$34 million in outlays);
 - **DEA** (\$16 million in BA and \$14 million in outlays);
 - **U.S. Customs** (\$67 million in BA and \$57 in outlays);
 - **U.S. Attorneys** (\$35 million in BA and \$30 million in outlays);
 - **U.S. Marshals** (\$17 million in BA and \$14 million in outlays); and
 - **The Secret Service** (\$15 million in BA and \$13 million in outlays).
- ▶ The Chairman's Mark includes an increase of \$105 million in BA and \$89 million in outlays over freeze baseline for the **Federal Prison System**, which will provide additional funds for needed prison space as well as assistance for salaries, operations, and maintenance of correctional and penal institutions.
- ▶ The Chairman's Mark also includes \$25 million in BA for the **Telecommunications Carrier Compliance Fund** for reimbursement to the telecommunications industry for eligible Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) activities.

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