

NARROWBAND COMMUNICATIONS

(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. Pos.	FTE	Amount
2001 Actuals.....	12	7	\$107,086
2002 Appropriation.....	12	12	94,615
Adjustments to base:			
Transfers of foreign operations costs to FBI and DEA.....	....	....	-10,205
Increases (See p. 31).....	....	....	4,844
2003 Current Services.....	12	12	89,254
Program Improvements (detailed below).....	....	....	60,000
2003 Request.....	12	12	149,254
FRHB Costs.....	....	....	38
2003 Total request.....	12	12	149,292

Comparison by activity and program	2002 Appropriation			2003 Current Services			2003 Request			Program Improvements		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Narrowband Communications	12	12	\$94,615	12	12	\$89,254	12	12	\$149,254	....	....	\$60,000
FRHB Costs.....	....	....	35	....	....	38	....	....	38	....	....	....
Grand Total.....	12	12	94,650	12	12	89,292	12	12	149,292	....	....	60,000

Program Improvements	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Narrowband Investment.....	\$60,000
Widely available, reliable wireless communication (e.g., radios) is essential to public safety. Furthermore, Federal Government agencies are required by 47 U.S.C. 903(d)(1) to make more efficient use of their radio spectrum. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is implementing regulations that require all federal spectrum users to narrow by one-half, the bandwidth used to transmit radio signals by 2005 for Very High Frequency (VHF), and 2008 for Ultra High Frequency (UHF).			
This appropriation funds the Department's consolidated approach to address our narrowband communication needs. The program improvements for 2003 reflects an increase of \$60 million, which will be devoted entirely to new narrowband investments in radio infrastructure for New York and the Northern/Southwestern borders.			
Total Program Improvements, Narrowband Communications.....	\$60,000