

UNITED STATES TRUSTEE SYSTEM FUND
(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2001 Actuals	1,034	1,000	\$126,485
2002 Enacted.....	1,198	1,099	147,000
Increases (see p. 35) .....	...	91	14,169
2003 Current Services.....	1,198	1,190	161,169
Program Improvements (detailed below)	21	11	6,341
2003 Request	1,219	1,201	167,510
FRHB Costs.....	...	...	4,802
2003 Total Request.....	<u>1,219</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>172,312</u>

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2002 Availability</u>			<u>2003 Current Services</u>			<u>2003 Request</u>			<u>Program Improvements</u>		
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1. Administration of Cases.....	1,131	1,040	\$135,471	1,131	1,124	\$148,286	1,152	1,135	\$154,627	21	11	\$6,341
2. Management and Administration.....	67	59	11,529	67	66	12,883	67	66	12,883	...	...	...
Total.....	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>\$147,000</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>\$161,169</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>\$167,510</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6,341</u>
FRHB Costs.....	...	...	4,373	...	...	4,802	...	...	4,802	...	...	...
Grand Total.....	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>\$151,373</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>165,971</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>172,312</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6,341</u>

Program Description

This mission of the United States Trustee Program is to protect and preserve the integrity of the bankruptcy system of the United States by regulating the conduct of parties, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and procedures, bringing civil actions to address instances of abuse, securing the just, speedy, and economical resolution of bankruptcy cases, and identifying, evaluating, referring and supporting the prosecution of criminal bankruptcy violations.

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<u>Program Improvements</u>	<u>Perm. Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Debtor Audits.....	21	11	\$5,841
<p>An increase of 21 positions, 11 workyears, and \$5,841,000 is requested to conduct debtor audits. The Program plans to develop systems to more effectively uncover material misstatements in bankruptcy schedules and statements of financial affairs. The project involves collecting data from court filings in order to select cases at random and to target other cases for audit. Systems will be developed and contractors will be hired to perform the audits. The 21 additional positions will provide financial analysts in field offices to oversee audits and analyze the data; and \$4,416,000 will fund approximately 2,000 audits.</p>			
Debtor Education.....	...	...	500
<p>An increase of \$500,000 to fund a pilot program. The program will develop and publish a curriculum to provide personal financial management instructions to a sample group of bankruptcy debtors, and then evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Evaluation will measure the short-term and long-term effectiveness of the curriculum and delivery methods in increasing personal financial skills and reducing the bankruptcy refiling rate.</p>			
Total Program Improvements, United States Trustees	21	11	6,341