

Assets Forfeiture Fund (AFF)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2009 Enacted: \$1,236 million (Indefinite Authority)

\$21 million (Appropriated Authority)

FY 2010 Budget Request: \$1,254 million (Indefinite Authority)

\$21 million (Appropriated Authority)

Change from FY 2009 Enacted: +\$18 million (1.4%)

Mission:

The AFF's mission has as its primary strategic goal to enforce Federal laws and prevent and reduce crime by disrupting, damaging and dismantling criminal organizations through the use of civil and criminal forfeiture. The program attempts to remove those assets that are essential to the operation of those criminal organizations and punish the criminals Involved by denying them the use of the proceeds of their crimes.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2010 totals \$1.3 billion, direct and mandatory, which is a 1.4 percent increase from the FY 2009 enacted level. The AFF receives a small yearly appropriation, however the bulk of its funding comes through forfeiture activities.

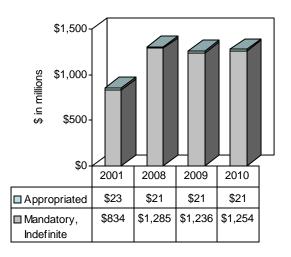
Organization:

The Assets Forfeiture Management Staff is under the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Controller and is located in Washington, DC.

Personnel:

The AFF has no directly funded personal. As a component of the Justice Management Division all personnel are provided on a reimbursable basis from the Department's Working Capital Fund.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2010)



FY 2010 Strategy:

The primary purpose of the AFF is to provide a stable funding base to support departmental forfeiture activities. Effective forfeiture activities ensure that assets used by criminals to support their illicit activities are removed, hindering future actions. These include both physical assets and financial instruments.

In FY 2010 the AFF's aggressive forfeiture program will continue to remove assets from the control of criminals and criminal organizations. Similarly, the AFF will continue to support Department law enforcement agencies by providing a source of funding for forfeiture related activities and State and local task forces.

The AFF faces a number of internal and external challenges. Among these is the increasing participation with foreign countries to investigate and repatriate illicit proceeds secreted overseas. While beneficial, these cases tend to be very difficult to negotiate and often take a significant amount of time to finalize. Revenues into the AFF are also difficult to predict, particularly when there are large non-recurring forfeiture cases deposits. These changes in revenues must be considered as the Fund is not allowed to operate at a deficit.

FY 2010 Program Changes:

The FY 2010 Budget does not request a program change for AFF.

Financial Snapshot 2008

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND (Dollars in Thousands)

	Appropriated, Definite Authority		Permanent, Indefinite Authority			TOTAL			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2008 Appropriation	0	0	\$20,990	0	0	\$1,483,511	0	0	\$1,504,501
2008 Rescission	0	0	φ20,330 0	0	0	-240,000	0	0	-240,000
2008 Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	41086	0	0	41,086
2008 Enacted	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,284,597	0	0	1,305,587
2009 Appropriation	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,521,410	0	0	1,542,400
2009 Rescission	0	0	20,550	0	0	-285,000	0	0	-285,000
2009 Enacted with Rescissions	Ö	Ŏ	20,990	Ö	Ö	1,236,410	Ő	Ŏ	1,257,400
2010 Request	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,254,010	0	0	1,275,000
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted with Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	17,600	0	0	17,600
2010 Current Services	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,254,010	0	0	1,275,000
2010 Request	0	0	20,990	0	0	1,254,010	0	0	1,275,000
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted with Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	17,600	0	0	17,600

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(Dollars in thousands)

	2009	Enacted with	Rescission	2010 Current Services			
Comparison by activity and program	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	
Permanent, Indefinite Authority	0	0	\$123,641	0	0	\$1,254,010	
Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	20,990	0	0	20,990	
3. Decision Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	144,631	0	0	1,275,000	
Grand Total	0	0	\$144,631	0	0	\$1,275,000	

	То	tal Program	Changes	2010 Request			
Comparison by activity and program	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	
Permanent, Indefinite Authority	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$1,254,010	
Appropriated, Definite Authority	0	0	0	0	0	20,990	
Total	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$1,275,000	