

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND

Special Fund

(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u>		<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	
2000 actuals:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	\$19,397
Permanent Indefinite Authority 1/.....	462,924
2001 enacted:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	23,000
Permanent Indefinite Authority	439,838
Government-wide .22% rescission of Appropriated Definite Authority pursuant to P.L. 106-554.....	(51)
Re-estimate of Permanent Indefinite Authority.....	179,359
2001 appropriation:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	22,949
Permanent Indefinite Authority	619,197
2002 base:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	22,949
Permanent Indefinite Authority.....	432,051
2002 estimate:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	22,949
Permanent Indefinite Authority.....	432,051

1/ The 2000 Permanent Indefinite Authority of \$462,924,000 includes \$30,433,131 in Super Surplus obligations.

Comparison by activity and program	<u>2001 Appropriation</u>			<u>2002 Base</u>			<u>2002 Estimate</u>			<u>Program Changes</u>		
	<u>Perm</u>			<u>Perm</u>			<u>Perm</u>			<u>Perm</u>		
	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Appropriated Definite Authority:												
Investigative Expenses.....	\$22,949	...	...	\$22,949	...	...	\$22,949	...	...	...
2. Permanent Indefinite Budget Authority....	<u>619,197</u>	...	...	<u>432,051</u>	...	...	<u>432,051</u>	...	...	...
Total.....	642,146	...	...	455,000	...	...	455,000	...	...	...

Program Description

The primary purpose of the Fund is to provide a stable source of resources to cover the costs of an effective asset seizure and forfeiture program, including the costs of seizing, evaluating, inventorying, maintaining, protecting, advertising, forfeiting, and disposing of property. Prior to the creation of the Fund, costs of these activities had to be diverted from agency operational funds. Receipts (permanent indefinite authority) are available to pay program operations expenses, equitable sharing to state and local law enforcement agencies who assist in forfeiture cases, and lienholders. If provided for in the Department's Appropriations Act, a portion of Fund receipts (appropriated, definite authority) are available to pay investigative expenses, including awards for information, purchase of evidence, and equipping of conveyances. Excess unobligated balances of the Fund designated as Super Surplus are available to support federal investigative, litigative, or correctional expenses or other authorized purposes of the Department of Justice. The Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000 made various changes to federal laws relating to the forfeiture of civil assets that are expected to decrease receipts deposited into the Assets Forfeiture Fund significantly over the next two to three fiscal years.