



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2025 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	\$1,747.0 million (5,288 positions; 107 attorneys; 2,630 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	-\$3.1 million
Program Changes:	+\$208.1 million
FY 2025 Budget Request:	\$1,952.0 million (5,963 positions; 109 attorneys; 2,829 agents)
Change From FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	+\$205.0 million (+11.7%) (+675 positions; +2 attorneys; +199 agents)

Mission:

The ATF protects communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, illegal use and trafficking of firearms, illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. The ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research, and the application of technology.

Organization:

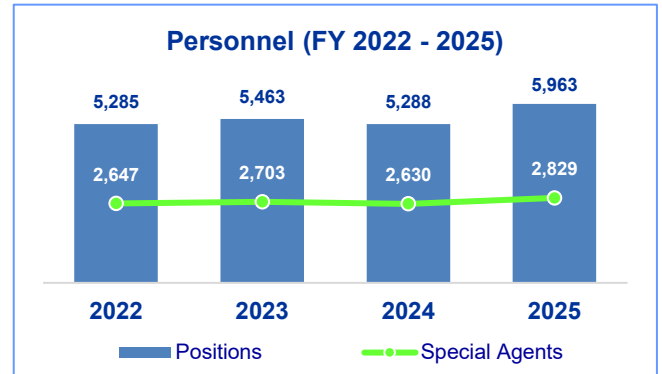
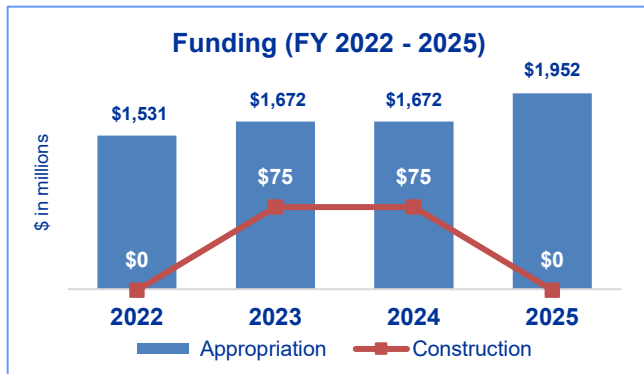
The ATF's Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 12 international offices in eight countries.

Resources:

The FY 2025 budget request for ATF totals \$1,952 million, which is an 11.7 percent increase over the FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Resolution.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2025 total 5,963 positions, including an increase of 675 positions over the FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Resolution of 5,288 direct authorized positions.



FY 2025 Strategy:

The ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives-related crime. The ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. The ATF identifies, investigates, and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. In addition, the ATF partners with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to target violent offenders and remove them from America's streets.

In line with the Attorney General's Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Violent Crime (CSRVC), the ATF Frontline business model ensures Bureau resources are directed to the most serious offenses and most dangerous criminals. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership, a collaboration between the ATF and its Federal, State, and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime. The ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each ATF field division that define the significant violent crime problems within its area of responsibility and propose a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions

Investigating the illegal trafficking of firearms domestically and overseas remains a high priority, and the ATF operates enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every United States border. The ATF focuses on collaboration with a broad range of Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and to disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

The ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of arson and bombings. Certified Fire Investigators (CFIs), Accelerant Detection Canines (ADCs), the National Response Team (NRT), forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) collaborate for a comprehensive approach to arson crime investigations. The ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF), and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). The ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates the ATF's explosives expertise at the Richard Shelby Center for Innovation and Advanced Training in Alabama. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2025 request enhances public safety by continuing crime gun intelligence capabilities such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and compliance inspections and oversight of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). It also builds upon existing efforts to further combat gun violence through enhanced forensic capabilities and continued implementation of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) and campus expansion of the National Services Center (NSC) in Martinsburg, WV.

FY 2025 Program Changes:

Salaries & Expenses

Combating Gun Violence: \$21.0 million and 97 positions (one attorney, 50 agents)

Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to address the alarming surge in firearms violence in American communities. This enhancement is necessary for the ATF to meet the goals of the Administration and Department to enhance enforcement efforts focused on firearms trafficking, and to increase the support that the ATF provides to local, State, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement in the investigation of violent firearm offenses. Because firearm trafficking networks often involve transport of firearms across jurisdictional, state, and national boundaries, the ATF's Federal statutory authorities and expertise are essential to effective investigation, disruption, and prosecution. Current services are \$515.73 million and 2,272 positions (1681 agents).

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act/IOI Operations: \$73.4 million and 349 positions (100 agents)

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), enacted on June 25, 2022, represents the most substantial change to the Federal firearm laws in a generation. The Act provides law enforcement and prosecutors powerful tools to prosecute gun traffickers and address gun violence, creating provisions in the Gun Control Act that directly define and prohibit the straw purchasing of firearms (title 18, U.S.C., Section 932) and firearm trafficking (Section 933). Additional funding and positions will expand the ATF's capability to implement this new legislation in the fulsome way that the American people demand and provide the ATF with the resources necessary to fulfil its responsibilities under the BSCA. The technical adjustment expands the ATF's capacity to reduce gun violence, seize and manage forfeited firearms, and keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others. This enhancement also includes funding to allow the ATF to ensure that those engaged in the business of selling firearms are applying to become FFLs. Current services are \$22.0 million and 77 positions (16 agents).

Enhancing NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence: \$18.7 million and 18 positions (two agents)

Additional funding and positions will enhance the ATF's capacity to reduce violent crime nationwide and support the Department's CSRVC, including Project Safe Neighborhoods. This enhancement supports the NIBIN-NNCTC II, which includes the Crime Gun Intelligence Center of Excellence (CGICEx). The CGICEx will function as a research and training facility that provides up-to-date training, publications, and studies specific to CGI. The CGICEx will also enhance the production and review of correlations that provide timely, evidence-based intelligence to law enforcement investigators nationwide. The CGI and NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS) support the Record Management Systems (RMS) data ingest; provide access, training, and support to State and local partner agencies for a more collaborative approach to fighting gun violence; and provide development support to build new and enhance existing connections between NIBIN and RMS data within NESS. Current services are \$82.9 million and 63 positions (17 agents).

National Services Center Expansion: \$43.9 million and 25 positions

Additional funding and positions will expand and improve the ATF's facility in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The current facility is critically insufficient with regards to both the building and parking capacity, as well as specialized vault and evidence storage of firearms at the ATF's National Services Center (NSC). This program enhancement is critical as the facility has surpassed the maximum capacity of building space and the temporary measures allowing for continued operations are not sustainable in the future. This overcapacity poses significant risk to the ATF's ability to execute both its core public safety function, in supporting State and local law enforcement fighting gun crime and for the regulatory mission at the NSC. There are no current services for this initiative.

Forensic Services Crime Gun Intelligence: \$13.1 million and 30 positions

Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to fund the initial development of a high-throughput, rapid-processing unit for analysis of DNA from Fired Cartridge Cases (FCCs) and funding for DNA expansion, which will link gun crimes to the same individual even when different firearms are used. The value of adding DNA technology to the ATF's arsenal of tools is massive. Just as NIBIN provides a kind of fingerprint to a gun; being able to also detect a fingerprint of the shooter from a casing extracted from that gun will revolutionize the way the ATF conducts its investigations. FCCs are frequently the only evidence available following violent gun crimes. By developing the technique to extract usable latent prints or DNA from FCCs, it is possible to provide a potential name of a suspect with a DNA match (CODIS hit) and/or link the same shooter to separate violent gun crimes even when different firearms are used. There are no current services for this initiative.

Body Worn Cameras: \$37.8 million and 70 positions (11 agents)

Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to provide digital case management software and video cloud storage for the video from the BWCs of both ATF Special Agents and Federally-deputized TFOs under the BWC requirements set forth by the Department's BWC Policy. Through the Digital Evidence Management Branch, the ATF will provide program oversight and management, and trained personnel will ensure the integrity of the ATF's digital evidence warehouse. Current services for this request are \$6.3 million and six positions (six agents).

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives S&E			Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Construction			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2023 Appropriation	5,463	5,088	1,672,000	0	0	75,000	5,463	5,088	1,747,000
2024 Continuing Resolution	5,463	5,088	1,672,000	0	0	75,000	5,463	5,088	1,747,000
FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Resolution	-175	-175	0	0	0	0	-175	-175	0
2024 Continuing Resolution	5,288	4,913	1,672,000	0	0	75,000	5,288	4,913	1,747,000
2025 Request	5,963	5,250	1,952,000	0	0	0	5,963	5,250	1,952,000
Change 2025 from 2024 Continuing Resolution	675	337	280,000	0	0	-75,000	675	337	205,000
Technical Adjustments									
Additional Amount for FY 2024 Pay Raise	86	43	27,069	0	0	0	86	43	27,069
FY 2024 Rebaseline Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	-75,000	0	0	-75,000
Total Technical Adjustments	86	43	27,069	0	0	-75,000	86	43	-47,931
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	0	42,902	0	0	0	0	0	42,902
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	1,929	0	0	0	0	0	1,929
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	44,831	0	0	0	0	0	44,831
2025 Current Services	5,374	4,956	1,743,900	0	0	0	5,374	4,956	1,743,900
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Combating Gun Violence	97	48	21,043	0	0	0	97	48	21,043
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act/IOI Operations	349	175	73,438	0	0	0	349	175	73,438
Enhancing NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence	18	9	18,707	0	0	0	18	9	18,707
National Services Center Expansion	25	12	43,948	0	0	0	25	12	43,948
Forensic Services Crime Gun Intelligence	30	15	13,117	0	0	0	30	15	13,117
Body Worn Cameras	70	35	37,847	0	0	0	70	35	37,847
Subtotal, Program Increases	589	294	208,100	0	0	0	589	294	208,100
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	589	294	208,100	0	0	0	589	294	208,100
2025 Request	5,963	5,250	1,952,000	0	0	0	5,963	5,250	1,952,000

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Comparison by activity and program	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	3,978	3,695	1,263,196	4,043	3,727	1,317,516
Investigative Support Services	1,310	1,218	408,804	1,331	1,229	426,384
Total	5,288	4,913	1,672,000	5,374	4,956	1,743,900
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	5,288	4,916	1,672,000	5,374	4,959	1,743,900
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		54			54	
FTE Grand Total		4,916			4,959	

Comparison by activity and program	2025 Total Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	509	255	148,690	4,552	3,982	1,466,206
Investigative Support Services	80	39	59,410	1,411	1,268	485,794
Total	589	294	208,100	5,963	5,250	1,952,000
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	589	294	208,100	5,963	5,253	1,952,000
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		0			54	
FTE Grand Total		294			5,253	

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
ATF Construction	0	0	75,000	0	0	0
Total	0	0	75,000	0	0	0

Comparison by activity and program	2025 Total Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
ATF Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0