

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Chairman Matt Cartwright

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Bill Summary



Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

The fiscal year 2023 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies funding bill provides \$84.2 billion, an increase of \$6.1 billion – 7.8 percent – above fiscal year 2022. The bill:

- Creates good-paying American jobs with investments in economic development in distressed communities with support for small businesses, including small and medium sized American manufacturers
- Strengthens communities by supporting local law enforcement while bolstering police and criminal justice reform and expanding gun violence prevention efforts
- Addresses gender-based violence with strong increases for Violence Against Women Act prevention and prosecution programs, as well as efforts to reduce the backlog of unprocessed rape kits
- Confronts the climate crisis with strong funding for climate resilience and research at NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Science Foundation

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U.S. Department of Commerce – \$11.2 billion in net discretionary funding for the Department of Commerce, an increase of \$1.3 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

- **International Trade Administration (ITA)** – \$625 million, \$55 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. The total includes full funding for ITA Global Markets to help create jobs here at home by increasing U.S. exports, and continued funding for ITA Enforcement and Compliance to protect U.S. industries against unfair foreign trade practices.
- **Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)** – \$191 million, an increase of \$50 million above fiscal year 2022 to advance U.S. national security through effective export control.
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** – \$498 million, an increase of \$124.5 million above fiscal year 2022. This includes \$121 million for EDA's Public Works program, which supports brick-and-mortar projects in distressed communities across the nation, \$48 million for Assistance to Coal Communities, an increase of \$6.5 million and \$50 million for the Regional Innovation Program, an increase of \$5 million, to help create jobs by establishing and expanding

region-focused innovative technology business endeavors. Additionally, \$3 million is provided for STEM Apprenticeships to help align the skills of workers and the needs of employers.

- **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)** – \$70 million, an increase of \$15 million above fiscal year 2022, is provided for MBDA to support minority businesses around the country.
- **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)** – \$4.25 billion, an increase of \$195 million above fiscal year 2022, to help protect new ideas and investments in American innovation and creativity, and to promote technological progress and achievement.
- **Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program** – \$175 million, \$17 million above fiscal year 2022 to help small and medium sized American manufacturers create and preserve jobs.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** – \$6.35 billion, an increase of \$474.8 million above fiscal year 2022, including:
 - **Climate Research** – \$224.2 million, an increase of \$24.2 million above fiscal year 2022, with a focus on informing climate resilience efforts, Western water issues, and wildfires and drought.
 - **NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)** – \$1.09 billion for NMFS operations, an increase of \$77.4 million above fiscal year 2022.
 - **National Weather Service** – \$1.25 billion for operating expenses, an increase of \$72.9 million above fiscal year 2022. In addition, this Act provides an increase of \$91.2 million over fiscal year 2022 to procure future weather satellites and related systems, which are essential for accurate weather forecasting.

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – \$38.7 billion overall for the Department of Justice, which is \$3.5 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

- **Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016** – \$15 million is provided, as authorized, including: \$5 million within the Civil Rights

Division; \$5 million within the Federal Bureau of Investigation; \$1.5 million within the Community Relations Service; and \$3.5 million within State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance.

- **Executive Office for Immigration Review** -- \$860 million, an increase of \$100 million above fiscal year 2022, including \$29 million for the Legal Orientation Program.
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation** – \$11.33 billion, an increase of \$569.6 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$524 million above the President’s budget request, including for efforts to investigate extremist violence and domestic terrorism.
- **United States Attorneys** – \$2.63 billion, an increase of \$212.1 million above fiscal year 2022, including to further support prosecutions related to the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol and domestic terrorism cases.
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)** – \$1.75 billion, an increase of \$215.9 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level, to bolster efforts to prevent and respond to gun violence.
- **Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP)** – \$8.7 billion, an increase of \$592.6 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$497.3 million above the President’s budget request to address critical staffing and facility needs for both inmate and correctional officer safety.
- **First Step Act** – The agreement fully funds the requested \$409.5 million for programs and activities authorized by the First Step Act of 2018, including medication-assisted treatment.
- **Grants to State and Local Law Enforcement** – \$4.4 billion is provided, an increase of \$506.4 million above fiscal year 2022. This includes: \$770.8 million for Byrne JAG; \$662.9 million for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) programs; \$225 million to address sexual assault kit and other DNA evidence backlogs; \$125 million for Second Chance Act programs; \$445 million for grant programs to address substance use disorders; \$135 million for the STOP School Violence Act; \$700 million for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prevention and prosecution programs; \$95 million for grants to improve the NICS firearms background check system; \$50 million for Community Violence Intervention and

Prevention; \$45 million to prevent and combat hate crimes; and more than \$400 million in community projects to fight crime and improve public safety in communities across the country.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – \$25.4 billion is provided, an increase of \$1.34 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level, including:

- \$7.8 billion for NASA’s **Science Mission Directorate**, an increase of \$180.6 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level, to enable better scientific information about the Earth and its changing climate, as well as to further our understanding of our solar system and beyond. These funds include operating support for the James Webb Space Telescope, which launched last December and has begun producing unprecedented images of stars and galaxies, including the universe in its infancy.
- \$935 million for **Aeronautics research**, an increase of \$54.3 million above fiscal year 2022, to continue efforts to improve environmental sustainability of air travel through increased fuel efficiency and electric flight, as well to improve passenger safety.
- \$143.5 million for **NASA’s STEM Engagement education initiatives**, an increase of \$6.5 million above fiscal year 2022, to enable NASA to inspire young people to pursue future careers in science and engineering. This amount includes a funding increase for the Space Grant consortium, which benefits all 50 states, and for the Minority University Research and Education Project.

National Science Foundation (NSF) – \$9.54 billion, an increase of \$700.2 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level to support cutting edge research including:

- **NSF Research and Related Activities** – \$7.6 billion is provided, an increase of \$469 million above fiscal year 2022.
- **Education and Human Resources** -- \$1.25 billion is provided, an increase of \$240 million above fiscal year 2022.

Legal Services Corporation – \$560 million, \$71 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level to provide legal assistance to underserved communities.

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights – \$14.4 million, an increase of \$1.35 million above fiscal year 2022, including \$2 million for the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – \$455 million, \$35 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

International Trade Commission (ITC) – \$122.4 million, \$12.4 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.