

JUSTICE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

The President's 2008 Budget will enhance anti-terrorism, intelligence, and law enforcement efforts and promote greater public safety by:

- Strengthening critical counterterrorism, intelligence and other national security programs;
- Assisting States and local communities by more effectively meeting their needs for law enforcement grants and assistance;
- Enhancing efforts to protect our children from abuse and exploitation;
- Including funding to reduce violent crime and combat the spread of illegal drugs; and
- Providing funding for additional prison capacity to reduce overcrowding and ensure that dangerous and violent criminals can be appropriately incarcerated upon conviction.

Strengthening critical counterterrorism, intelligence and other national security programs:

Supports key initiatives at the FBI and the National Security Division to improve the Department's ability to prevent, investigate and prosecute acts of terrorism and other threats to our national security. These initiatives include:

- \$52 million for 150 new counterterrorism and counterintelligence agents and 50 surveillance personnel.
- \$91 million for an expansion of the FBI's data collection and exploitation programs.
- \$22 million for the continued development of human intelligence management and source validation programs.
- \$7 million for the National Security Division for the prevention and prosecution of terrorism.

Assisting States and local communities by more effectively meeting their needs for law enforcement grants and assistance:

- \$1.2 billion in discretionary funding for law enforcement assistance, including a proposal to consolidate more than 70 distinct and fragmented programs into four flexible and competitive grants.
- All funds to be allocated based on a competitive, need-based process. More than 1300 earmarks totaling \$544 million in the last Justice appropriations bill will be eliminated.
- Violent Crime Reduction Partnership Initiative: \$200 million to help States and communities form partnerships with Federal law enforcement agencies to address spikes in violent crime.
- Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program: \$350 million for methamphetamine cleanup and enforcement, drug courts, firearms crime prosecution assistance, efforts to combat domestic trafficking, and other priorities based on local needs.
- Violence Against Women Program: \$370 million to curb domestic violence and related crimes against women.
- Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program: \$280 million to help communities address child predators, school safety, and juvenile justice needs.
- \$625 million in mandatory funding is provided for crime victims' assistance programs.

Protecting our children from abuse and exploitation:

- \$12 million in enhancements for the Project Safe Childhood Initiative to protect our children from exploitation on the internet.
- \$13 million in enhancements to implement the Adam Walsh Act , including apprehending sexual predators and better managing sexual offenders in the Federal prisoner population.

Reducing violent crime and combating the spread of illegal drugs:

- \$39 million to help the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) stem the flow of illegal drugs by targeting the production, distribution and sale of methamphetamine and other precursor drugs and help stop illegal drugs from entering the US through the US Southwest border. Additional funding also will increase DEA's ability to share intelligence information.
- \$19 million to help the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE) combat violent crime by reducing illegal firearms trafficking and gang and gun-related violence in our nation's most at-risk communities.

Enhancing Federal incarceration and detention:

- \$142 million for two additional prisons to help meet population growth and reduce overcrowding at the BOP's most critical security levels. Two additional prisons, in Pollock, LA and Mendota, CA, will add a total of 2,432 beds and will begin receiving inmates in 2008 and 2010, respectively.
- \$27 million to expand BOP's use of State, local and private prison space to accommodate lower security prisoners. The 2008 Budget increases the number of contract prison beds by 1,100.