

REQUESTS FOR FY 1999 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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REQUESTS FOR FY 1999 BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALING \$38.3 MILLION FOR INITIATIVES THAT WILL REDUCE CRIME, ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY, AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1106(b)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 8, 1998.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask Congress to consider the enclosed requests for FY 1999 budget amendments totaling \$38.3 million for initiatives that will reduce crime, enhance public safety, and restore confidence in the criminal justice system in the District of Columbia.

The proposed FY 1999 budget totals would not be affected by these amendments. The additional resources requested for the District of Columbia would be derived from funds requested in my budget for three Department of Justice programs.

The details of these requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 9, 105th Congress, 2d Session]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, July 8, 1998.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests for FY 1999 budget amendments totaling \$38.3 million in additional resources for the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Court Services Agency for initiatives that are designed to reduce crime, enhance public safety, and restore confidence in the criminal justice system in the District of Columbia.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by these proposals. The additional resources requested for the District of Columbia would be funded within three Department of Justice grant programs. The additional District of Columbia funds would be specifically set aside within the total funding requested for these grant programs in the FY 1999 Budget.

As described below and in more detail in the enclosures, these proposals would enhance the system of offender supervision in the District of Columbia. The requests include:

- *Community Policing.* \$19.4 million from the COPS program to hire community law enforcement officers and establish additional community supervision centers.
- *Drug testing.* \$11.4 million from the proposed drug testing, intervention, and treatment grant program for drug testing of District of Columbia offenders under supervision.
- *Residential Sanctions.* \$7.5 million from the Truth-in-Sentencing Prison Grant program to establish a residential sanctions center for persons who violate conditions of supervision.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Accordingly, I join the Attorney General and the Offender Supervision and Court Services Trustee in recommending that you transmit the proposals to Congress.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW, *Acting Director.*

Enclosures.

Agency: Department of Justice
Bureau: Office of Justice Programs
Heading: Violent Crime Reduction Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
FY 1999 Budget Appendix Page: 619–621
FY 1999 Pending Request: \$2,409,400,000
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: \$2,409,400,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading in column one on page 620, insert the following immediately after “of

which \$52,000,000 shall be for the construction, renovation, and repair of detention facilities in Indian country”:)

, and of which \$7,500,000 shall be provided to the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Court Services Agency for construction, renovation, and repair of sanctions center facilities to implement the recommendations of the District of Columbia Truth-in-Sentencing Commission

This amendment would provide \$7.5 million to establish a residential sanctions center in the District of Columbia. This project would ensure appropriate responses to persons who violate conditions of supervision and would implement recommendations of the District of Columbia Truth-in-Sentencing Commission.

(In the appropriations language under the above heading on page 621, insert the following immediately after “of which \$85,000,000 shall be for the Drug Testing and Intervention Initiative, including \$10,000,000 for Indian country”:)

, and including \$11,404,000 for the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Court Services Agency

This amendment would provide \$11.4 million for drug testing, intervention, and treatment. The funds would ensure that all offenders under supervision are tested on a regular basis, improve processing times, and provide adequate treatment services.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by these amendments.

Agency: Department of Justice

Bureau: Office of Justice Programs

Heading: Community Oriented Policing Services (Violent Crime Reduction Programs)

FY 1999 Budget Appendix Page: 622

FY 1999 Pending Request: \$1,400,000,000

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: \$1,400,000,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert the following immediately before the period at the end of the first paragraph:)

: Provided further, that of the unobligated balances available in this program, \$19,365,000 shall be provided to the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Court Services Agency for a problem-solving partnership between the Department and such Agency for hiring community law enforcement officers and related program support

More than one of every 20 residents of the District of Columbia is under conditional supervision—pre-trial release, parole, or probation—not including those who are incarcerated. When the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Act was enacted in 1997, the best “educated guess” of the number of people under some form of criminal justice supervision was approximately 10,000. One of the first tasks of the Offender Supervision, Defender, and Court Services Agency was to gather information and data to refine this estimate and to develop a more accurate understanding of the scope of the problem. As a result of this process, it is now estimated that the total number of individuals who require criminal justice supervision in the District is more than 30,000.

This amendment would provide \$19.4 million for a problem-solving partnership to prevent and deter crime. The funds would support 390 additional personnel, including community law enforcement officers. In order to ensure the appropriate level of supervision for all persons under probation, parole, and pre-trial supervision, additional community supervision centers would be established. The funds would also support enhanced information technology systems.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

