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2018 Budget Blueprint

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Department of Homeland Security

Requests a \$2.8 billion increase to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which equates to a 6.8 percent increase from the 2017 CR. The president allocated \$4.5 billion directly to securing the border and investing in the immigration system.

US Customs and Border Protection

- Invests \$15 million to implement the E-Verify Program to allow businesses to determine the eligibility of their new employees to work in the United States.
- Provides \$1.5 billion for DHS activities to protect federal networks and critical infrastructure from cyber-attacks.
- Provides \$315 million to recruit, hire and train 500 new Border Patrol Agents and 1,000 new Immigration and Customs Enforcement law enforcement personnel and support staff.
- Adds \$1.5 billion for expanded detention, transportation and removal of illegal immigrants (This amount is above the 2017 annualized CR level).

Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure and Technology

- Appropriates \$2.6 billion for high-priority tactical infrastructure and border security technology, which includes funding to plan, design and construct a physical wall along the southern border.

TSA and National Flood Insurance Program

- Proposes an increase to the Passenger Security Fee to recover 75 percent of the cost of TSA aviation security operations. This is expected to eliminate the discretionary appropriation of the NFIP's Flood Hazard Mapping Program, a savings of \$190 million, to explore other more effective and fair means of funding flood mapping efforts.
- Eliminates and reduces "unauthorized and underperforming" programs administered by TSA, a savings of \$80 million from the 2017 annualized CR level. These savings include reductions to the Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response program, and the elimination of TSA grants to state and local jurisdictions, a program intended to incentivize local law enforcement patrols that should already be a high priority for state and local partners.
- Eliminates the Behavior Detection Officer program, reassigning all those personnel to front line airport security operations.

FEMA

- Eliminates or reduces state and local grant funding by \$667 million for programs administered by FEMA that are either unauthorized by the Congress, such as FEMA's pre-disaster mitigation grant program.
- Proposes establishing a 25 percent non-federal cost match for FEMA preparedness grant awards that currently require no cost match. This is the same cost-sharing approach as FEMA's disaster recovery grants. The activities and acquisitions funded through these grant programs are primarily state and local functions.

Department of Justice

Overall, the requested funding amount for the Department of Justice is 27.7 billion dollars. This equates to a \$1.1 billion or 2.8 percent decrease from FY 2017 requests.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Requests \$249 million which equates to a 3 percent increase from FY 2017 requests. The money would be allocated to:
 - Hiring personnel, counter intelligence efforts, cybersecurity and
 - Increasing counter terrorism funding an additional \$61 million
- Allocates \$35 million in information gathering and sharing with the Department of Defense, use of biometric identity resolution technology and research and development.
- Adds \$19 million to support firearm background checks and violent crime research.
- Requests an \$175 million increase in DOJ law enforcement to target organized crime, drug trafficking, investigating gun-related deaths, opioid epidemic and violent crime.

- Increase by \$80 million which equates to a 19 percent from 2017 for immigration related activities including:
 - Hiring 75 immigration judge teams, 60 prosecutors, 40 U.S. Marshalls
 - Border wall related activities including:
 - 20 attorneys for acquiring land for the border wall
 - 20 attorneys and staff for litigation
- Requests an \$171 million increase for short term detention space to house criminal aliens, parole violators and other offenders.

State and Local Programs

- Safeguards state and local grant programs for law enforcement and victims.
 - Preventing violence against law enforcement, and officer resilience and survivability grants were specifically mentioned.
- Eliminates \$700 million from DOJ funding for “outdated and unnecessary” programs. The blueprint does not identify every program, but it does identify:
 - \$210 million decrease in state criminal alien assistance program (SCAAP).
- Increases by \$80 million for facilities to decrease overcrowding in prisons and an additional \$113 million to repair and modernize prisons.
- Increases bankruptcy filing fees to create \$289 million in revenue.

Department of Defense

U.S. Armed Forces

- Appropriates an additional \$30 billion to defeat ISIS including:
 - \$24.9 billion in personnel, training, equipment, modernization and infrastructure.
 - \$5.1 billion in overseas contingency operations to defeat ISIS and support operation freedom’s sentinel in Afghanistan.
- Requests \$3 billion increase for DHS border security to plan, design, and construct a border wall. Funds are also to be used to recruit immigration law enforcement and ICE agents.

To fund the above, requires a decrease in non-defense discretionary spending by \$18 billion.