

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

The Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS), and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 provides a base discretionary total of \$78.0 billion, of which \$6.6 billion is for national defense and \$71.4 billion is categorized as nondefense funding. This fiscally responsible bill invests in support for law enforcement, economic development, scientific research, and other national priorities. In July 2025, the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced the bill by a vote of 19-10.

Key Takeaways

- **Advancing the Technology-based Economy:** Bolsters U.S. competitiveness by driving cutting-edge research, safeguarding sensitive technologies, expanding high-tech exports, and building regional innovation ecosystems that create jobs and attract private investment nationwide.
- **Protecting Lives and Livelihoods:** Advances national weather forecasting, space and Earth observation, ocean and fisheries science, and coastal infrastructure to save lives, protect critical systems like the electric grid and GPS, reduce disaster costs, and sustain coastal and inland economies that support millions of American jobs.
- **Countering China to Reinforce U.S. Economic Security, National Security, and Technological Superiority:** Supports a coordinated strategy to counter China by strengthening trade enforcement and export controls, accelerating U.S. leadership in AI, quantum, cybersecurity, and domestic manufacturing, and sustaining U.S. dominance in space, aviation, and other critical technologies.
- **Combatting Violent Crime and Protecting Public Safety in American Communities:** Strengthens public safety by supporting federal, state, and local law enforcement to combat violent crime and gangs, dismantle fentanyl-trafficking cartels, counter foreign and terrorist threats, and ensure communities and the federal judiciary are protected.

Bill Highlights

Department of Commerce: \$11.1 billion

- **International Trade Administration (ITA):** \$582 million to promote exports from small- and medium-sized businesses and to protect U.S. businesses from unfair competition.
- **Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS):** \$235 million to enhance enforcement of export controls to prevent sensitive technologies from falling into the hands of foreign adversaries.

- **Bureau of the Census:** \$1.5 billion to prepare for the 2030 Decennial Census, a constitutional obligation.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):** \$1.85 billion to maintain U.S. leadership in cutting-edge fields such as quantum information science and artificial intelligence. This includes \$175 million for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):** \$6.2 billion to improve weather forecasting and early warning systems that protect lives and property, improve fisheries science operations that strengthen coastal economies, and promote the timely replacement of aging weather satellites.

Department of Justice: \$37 billion

- **U.S Marshal Services:** \$3.9 billion for the U.S. Marshals Service to support the apprehension and detention of violent fugitives and criminal aliens.
- **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA):** \$2.6 billion for the Drug Enforcement Administration to disrupt and dismantle the Mexican cartels responsible for flooding the United States with fentanyl.
- **U.S. Attorneys' Offices:** \$2.6 billion for U.S. Attorneys' Offices to prosecute, convict, and incarcerate violent criminals and drug trafficking organizations.
- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):** \$720 million for VAWA programs, including increased support for the Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Program, the rural program, the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) program.
- **Office of Justice Programs:** \$3.1 billion for programs that support police and sheriff departments such as Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, the bulletproof vest program, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act programs, and DNA and forensics-related activities.
- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office:** \$800 million for programs such as the COPS Hiring Program, Regional Information Sharing Services, and Anti-Methamphetamine and Anti-Heroin Task Forces.
- **Crime Victims Fund:** \$1.95 billion to provide victim restitution and victim services.

Science: \$33.2 billion

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):** \$24.4 billion for NASA, including \$7.8 billion to return U.S. astronauts to the Moon and advance future Mars

missions and \$7.25 billion for Earth and space science through satellites, telescopes, and exploratory missions.

- **National Science Foundation (NSF):** \$8.75 billion for the National Science Foundation to sustain U.S. leadership in scientific discovery, including continued investments in quantum information science, artificial intelligence, Regional Innovation Engines, and critical research facilities.

Related Agencies: \$1.2 billion

- **Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR):** Includes \$88 million to ensure adequate staffing and technical support in trade negotiations.