

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2024

\$66.538 billion in total base discretionary funding

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2024 provides a base discretionary total of \$66.538 billion, including \$6.356 billion in defense funding and \$60.182 billion in nondefense funding. The bill also includes \$2 billion in emergency funding to address violent crime, counter the fentanyl crisis, and maintain U.S. scientific, technological, and economic superiority over China. The bill provides support for law enforcement, economic development, scientific research, and other national priorities:

- Provides critical funding for State and local law enforcement agencies, so that they have the resources to keep our communities safe, to combat the rise in violent crime, and to address the fentanyl crisis that kills more than 100,000 Americans annually.
- Invests in economic development programs with proven success in revitalizing distressed communities, expanding opportunities in rural areas, and promoting U.S. exports.
- Prioritizes key investments in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to ensure that the *Artemis* program remains on track and that the United States – not the People’s Republic of China – will be the first to return to the Moon.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Commerce: \$10.827 billion for the Department’s wide variety of programs, including weather forecasting, oceanic and atmospheric monitoring, fisheries management, economic development programs, trade promotion, scientific and technical research, broadband deployment, and the protection of intellectual property.

Department of Justice: \$37.520 billion to fight violent crime, disrupt and dismantle Mexican drug trafficking networks, apprehend violent fugitives, combat the profusion of cybercrime, and counter foreign intelligence threats. This includes \$4.42 billion for grants that strengthen State and local enforcement, improve the administration of justice, and support victims of crime:

- **Justice Assistance Grants and COPS Office Programs:** \$1.59 billion for grants that support local police and sheriffs’ departments and efforts to promote public safety.
- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):** \$713 million for VAWA programs, an increase of \$13 million above the enacted FY 2023 level.

Space Exploration: \$24.875 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), including \$7.67 billion for the Exploration program, to ensure the *Artemis* remains on schedule and that United States maintains its strategic superiority in space.

National Science Foundation: \$9.060 billion to support research in fields vital to U.S. national and economic security, including quantum computing and artificial intelligence.