



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for: protecting the United States from threats and hazards, modernizing effective programs to prevent terrorism; countering domestic violent extremism; securing the Nation's borders; enforcing U.S. immigration laws; protecting the President and other key officials; defending and securing Federal cyberspace and critical infrastructure; and ensuring disaster resilience, response, and recovery. The President's 2024 Budget invests in climate resilience, Federal cybersecurity, maritime security, and secure and humane border management.

The Budget requests \$60.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for 2024, a \$0.6 billion or one-percent decrease from the 2023 enacted level. This includes \$1.6 billion in additional Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Passenger Security Fee offsetting collections gained from ending mandatory contributions to deficit reduction. When controlling for the Passenger Security Fee proposal, the DHS request is an increase of two-percent above the 2023 enacted level. The Budget also includes a proposed \$4.7 billion Southwest Border Contingency Fund to respond to migration surges, which if fully accessed, would yield an increase for the total DHS request of nine-percent above the 2023 enacted level. Resources provided through the Budget build on prior-year investments in cybersecurity, border security, and hazard mitigation.

The President's 2024 Budget:

- **Supports a Fair, Orderly, and Humane Immigration System.** The Administration is committed to improving the Nation's immigration system and safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits. The Budget includes \$865 million for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to process an increasing asylum caseload, reduce the historically high immigration benefit request backlog, support the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, and improve refugee processing to advance the Administration's goal of admitting 125,000 refugees.
- **Enhances Border Security and Immigration Enforcement.** Strengthening border security and providing safe, lawful pathways for migration remain top priorities for the Administration. The Budget includes almost \$25 billion for United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an increase of almost \$800 million over the 2023 enacted level when controlling for border management amounts. The Budget includes funds for CBP to hire an additional 350 Border Patrol Agents, \$535 million for border security technology at and between ports of entry, \$40 million to combat fentanyl trafficking and disrupt transnational criminal organizations, and funds to hire an additional 460 processing assistants at CBP and ICE.

- **Addresses the Situation at the Southwest Border.** Given elevated Southwest border encounter levels experienced in a number of years since 2019, and uncertainty surrounding border encounter levels in any given fiscal year, the Budget proposes a new \$4.7 billion contingency fund to aid the Department and its components when responding to migration surges along the Southwest border. Modeled on a contingency fund provided for unaccompanied children, each fiscal year, the fund would receive appropriations incrementally, and above the base appropriation, as Southwest border encounters reach pre-identified levels. DHS would be limited to obligating funds for surge-related functions and would transfer funds to CBP, ICE, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accounts with valid surge-related obligations.
- **Invests in Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Protection.** To make U.S. cyberspace more resilient and defensible, the Budget provides an additional \$145 million for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), for a total of \$3.1 billion. This includes \$98 million to implement the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act and \$425 million to improve CISA's internal cybersecurity and analytical capabilities.
- **Invests in Climate, Health, and Natural Disaster Resilience.** As part of the Administration's efforts to address climate change, the Budget provides \$3.9 billion for DHS's climate resilience programs, a \$140 million increase from the 2023 enacted level. This is in addition to \$1 billion provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for 2024. The Budget helps State and local communities, Tribes, and Territories build climate resilience through various FEMA grant programs. The Budget also includes more than \$500 million for flood hazard mapping, including the development of new data to support future flood conditions. In addition, the Budget includes \$236 million to support the Administration's 2022 *National Biodefense Strategy and Implementation Plan for Countering Biological Threats, Enhancing Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieving Global Health Security* across a broad range of activities associated with response, critical infrastructure, and domestic surveillance.
- **Modernizes TSA Pay and Workforce Policies.** The TSA workforce deserves to be fairly compensated at rates comparable with their peers in the Federal workforce. The Budget includes \$1.1 billion above the 2023 enacted level to fully fund the TSA pay equity initiative. Enhancements to TSA pay support the President's commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Federal workforce.
- **Invests in Sustainability and Conservation.** The Administration remains committed to reestablishing the Federal Government as a leader in sustainability. The Budget includes \$123 million for DHS, the third largest department in the Federal Government and the Nation's largest law enforcement agency, to support market-shaping investments into Zero-Emission Vehicles. The Budget also provides \$264 million for DHS to consolidate its physical footprint across the National Capital Region. This funding builds upon the \$500 million investment provided by the Inflation Reduction Act for sustainability and environmental programs.
- **Enhances America's Presence in the Arctic Region.** Establishing American presence in the Arctic is a critical security priority. The Adversaries of the United States are increasing their presence in the Arctic and may seek to disrupt established norms for their own benefit. The Budget repeats the request from the 2023 Budget to buy a commercially available ice-breaker to enhance the Nation's presence in the Arctic and ensure U.S. national sovereignty is respected in the region. This capability would also ensure that the United States has greater access to support vulnerable communities in a region that is facing significant impacts from climate change.

- **Supports 2024 Presidential Campaign Security.** The Budget includes funds to meet the protective and investigative mission requirements of the United States Secret Service (USSS). The Budget provides \$3 billion to continue support for USSS' mission needs, including security for the upcoming 2024 Presidential Campaign. The Budget also includes funding for 77 additional positions across the USSS.

