




Ensuring Economic Opportunity and Fairness

Component/Initiative	Positions	Attorneys	\$000s
Antitrust Division (ATR)			
Increased Antitrust Enforcement	83	32	\$13,682
Technology and Data Modernization Support	0	0	\$14,901
Information Technology Operations Sustainment	0	0	\$23,901
Subtotal, ATR	83	32	\$52,484
Civil Division (CIV)			
Camp Lejeune PACT Act Litigation	20	7	\$9,205
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Total Resources	103	39	\$61,689

The Department is dedicated to fostering fair competitions and opportunities across multiple sectors emphasizing the wellbeing of the American population, and countering anticompetitive labor practices that threaten economic integrity and public welfare. This commitment is centered on ensuring fair representation and justice for all individuals. The Department also targets employer concentration, which is detrimental to fair wages, healthy working conditions, and innovation. The Department will hold accountable those who resort to misleading marketing tactics, demonstrating our unwavering dedication to economic fairness and sustain the rights of all Americans.

The FY 2025 President’s Budget for the Department requests **\$61.7 million and 103 positions (39 attorneys)** dedicated to promoting economic opportunity and economic fairness for all Americans. It will support reinvigoration of antitrust enforcement and combat fraud and protect consumers. This request will allow the Department to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws, protect the Government against fraud, and investigate and prosecute white collar crime, and promoting economic competition.

Antitrust Division (ATR): \$52.5 million

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Long-evolving trends such as the expanding globalization of markets, increasing economic consolidation across industries, and rapid technological advancements have fundamentally changed the marketplace. These factors, added to the existing number and intricacy of investigations, significantly expand the ATR's overall workload. Many current and recent matters demonstrate the large, complex, and international nature of the casework encountered by the ATR. This FY 2025 program increase addresses the necessary structural and programmatic changes. This is in response to a historic, market-driven spike in enforcement activity and to implement the increased work required to overcome its staffing and technological shortfalls. The request is designed to enforce the antitrust laws, to more effectively fight fraud and protect American consumers and workers. The Antitrust Division also continues to implement President Biden's 2021 Executive Order, Promoting Competition in the American Economy, which requires significant resources to expand antitrust cooperation across the Federal Government, while also changing the language of antitrust law to make enforcement more timely, accessible, and responsive. **Current services are \$235.5 million and 910 positions (444 attorneys).**

Technology and Data Modernization Support: \$14.9 million

The ATR is charged with protecting competition in the economy. Free and open competition benefits the American people by ensuring lower prices and better products. Proper enforcement of these laws saves the American people billions of dollars each year. To ensure proper enforcement, the ATR was granted Technology Modernization Fund (TMF) resources in FY 2024 to address persistent technical shortcomings faced by the Division which have led to a lack of enforcement. To complement and maintain the functionality established and improved by the TMF resources, increased operation and maintenance (O&M) resources are needed to ensure the following initiatives are sustained: IT service management, matter and document management workflow, document review platform, citizen complaint portal and data ingestion and analysis. **Current services are \$8.9 million.**

Information Technology Operations Sustainment: \$23.9 million

To meet the critical mission of the Division, a well maintained and mature information technology operation is needed to ensure the ATR's information system infrastructure is always available and fully operational, not only during traditional day-to-day activities, but also during continuity of operations events. To sustain current information technology operations within the Division, dedicated contracts are required to provide program management, project management, engineering, systems architecture, cloud engineering and integration services, operations support, and other critical support services. Services provided through the contracts will provide an efficient and effective O&M of IT infrastructure and operations support while adhering to industry's best practices resulting in continuous service improvement. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

Civil Division (CIV): \$9.2 million

 20 positions
(7 attorneys)

→ Camp Lejeune PACT
Act Litigation: \$9.2
million

20 positions (7 attorneys)

Camp Lejeune PACT Act Litigation: \$9.2 million and 20 positions (7 attorneys)

The "Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022" or the "Honoring our PACT Act of 2022" (the PACT Act) was signed into law on August 10, 2022. Section 804 of the PACT Act, the "Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022," aims to compensate service members and others who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, between 1953 and 1987 and developed cancer or other disease that was at least "as likely as not" caused by the exposure. Since enactment, over 147,000 administrative claims have been submitted to the Navy, and over 1,470 lawsuits have been filed. Firms have informed CIV's Environmental Torts Litigation Section (ETL) that they each have 50,000 to 100,000 administrative claims ready for submission once the Navy's new database, which is in the testing phase, goes live in January 2024. The intensive and complex nature of the cases requires the assignment of multiple attorneys to each. To ensure timely litigation of all filed claims, support comprehensive litigation and settlement discussions with the Department of the Navy on the Elective Option, and provide due process and justice to impacted parties and increasing workloads, the ETL will require additional positions, contract support, a shared database, and office space in Raleigh, NC. ***Current services are \$14.0 million and 36 positions (27 attorneys).***