



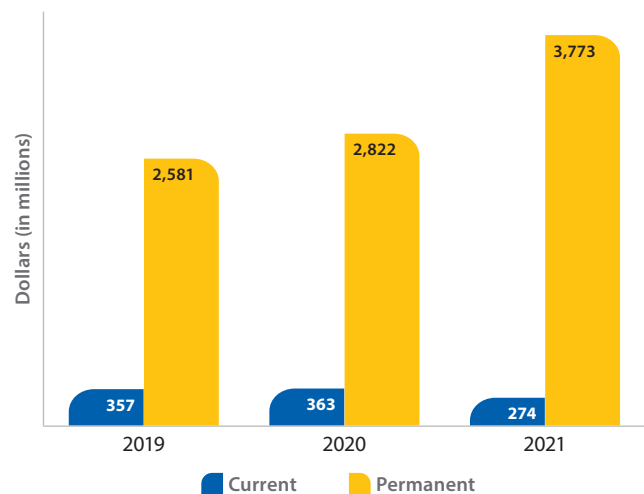
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

Overview—The Department of the Interior conserves and manages the Nation’s natural resources and cultural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people, provides scientific and other information to address natural resource and natural hazard challenges, and honors the Nation’s trust responsibilities and commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities to help them prosper.

Departmental Offices provide leadership, management, and coordination activities; deliver services to Interior’s bureaus and offices; and operate unique cross-cutting functions that do not logically fit elsewhere. The Office of the Secretary (OS) provides executive leadership for the Department through the development of policy, legislation, and the annual budget. OS also provides administrative services, such as finance, information resources, acquisition, and human resources. OS manages Interior’s administrative appeals functions through the Office of Hearings and Appeals and appraises the value of lands and minerals through the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO).

The following programs within Departmental Offices are funded in separate appropriations. The Office of the Solicitor provides legal services to the bureaus and offices on behalf of the Secretary. The Office of Inspector General reviews Interior activities and conducts audits and investigations. The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) and the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA; formerly the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians [OST]) are now presented in separate chapters.

Departmental Offices Funding



OS also manages five programs funded in separate accounts, which are discussed within the Departmentwide Programs chapter in the Bureau Highlights. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue collects, disburses, and verifies Federal and Indian energy and other natural resource revenues on behalf of all Americans. The Payments in Lieu of Taxes program provides payments to local governments with Federal lands within their boundaries. The Central Hazardous Materials Fund provides a coordinated, consistent approach to remediate Interior sites affected by hazardous substances. The Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program coordinates all the Department’s restoration efforts for resources damaged as a result of oil spills or hazardous substance releases into the environment. The Wildland Fire Management program addresses wildfire on public lands. Working collaboratively with participating bureaus, the Department coordinates wildland fire activities within the Department of the Interior and with the

Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service. OS also manages the Department's Working Capital Fund, Interior Franchise Fund, and agencywide Financial and Business Management System.

Office of the Secretary

Mission—The Office of the Secretary provides the executive-level leadership, policy, guidance, and coordination needed to manage the diverse, complex, and nationally significant programs that are the Department of the Interior's responsibilities.

Budget Overview—The 2021 budget request for Departmental Operations is \$127.9 million in current appropriations. The 2021 request for OS supports priority Departmental operations, services, and management functions and includes administrative savings realized from efforts to shrink the OS footprint within the Main Interior Building. The 2021 request includes \$1.5 million to support Field Special Assistants in the Interior Regions who serve as conveners and coordinators for the Department.

The 2021 budget maintains the Department's commitment to provide effective valuation services to Indian Country through the consolidated AVSO. The budget adjusts the request for Federal land acquisition-related activities of AVSO, reflecting the priority to maintain Interior's existing assets rather than acquire new areas.

Management Reforms—The 2021 budget helps to advance several significant management reforms. The budget supports the Administration's priority workforce goal to incentivize employee performance to better recognize high-performing employee contributions to mission achievement across the office. In 2021, the Department proposes to consolidate all agency ethics staffing and funding within the Departmental Ethics Office in the Office of the Solicitor. The 2021 budget therefore assumes a transfer of \$619,000 associated with current office ethics activities.

Fixed Costs—Fixed costs of \$3.7 million are fully funded.



Secretary Bernhardt at the USS Arizona Memorial, December 7, 2019

Office of the Solicitor

Mission—The Office of the Solicitor’s mission is to provide high-quality legal counsel to the Secretary and to the Department of the Interior’s offices and bureaus, administer the Department’s ethics program, help resolve legal issues among bureaus and offices as they fulfill their duties, and manage Interior’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) programs.

Budget Overview—The 2021 budget includes \$86.8 million for the Office of the Solicitor. The budget is estimated to support total staffing of 505 full-time equivalents in 2021. The budget provides \$59.8 million for Legal Services to effectively manage the legal work associated with the Department’s mission activities. Included in the request is \$5.7 million for General Administration to provide and coordinate all management and administrative services.

The 2021 budget proposes to consolidate all Interior ethics functions and resources within the Office of the Solicitor. The budget includes \$19.5 million for the consolidated Departmental Ethics Office to address program deficiencies and risks in the areas of financial disclosure and ethics training and education across Interior. The 2021 budget assumes a transfer of \$14.9 million and 51 FTE associated with current bureau and office ethics activities.

The 2021 budget also proposes \$1.9 million to establish a new FOIA Office activity. The Departmental FOIA Office will oversee the Department’s FOIA offices and ensure the Department properly tracks and processes FOIA requests.

Management Reforms—The budget supports the Administration’s priority workforce goal to incentivize employee performance to better recognize high-performing employee contributions to mission achievement across the office.

Fixed Costs—Fixed costs of \$2.4 million are fully funded.

Office of Inspector General

Mission—The Office of Inspector General’s mission is to provide independent oversight and promote excellence, integrity, and accountability within the programs, operations, and management of the Department of the Interior and its resources.

Budget Overview—The 2021 budget includes \$59.3 million for the Office of Inspector General. The Inspector General estimates staffing will total 274 full-time equivalents in 2021. The budget request reflects anticipated workload requirements in Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations and in the Office of Investigations. The request also provides funding for Mission Support activities, including information technology.

Management Reforms—The budget supports the Administration’s priority workforce goal to incentivize employee performance to better recognize high-performing employee contributions to mission achievement across the office.

Fixed Costs—Fixed costs of \$1.1 million are fully funded.



Building on Our Track Record

\$3.1 MILLION	\$4.0 MILLION	OIG will focus on increasing the audits and investigations we do, with potential financial return to the U.S. Treasury.
For Each Contract and Grant Audit	For Each Financial Crime Investigation	

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2021 Request with 2020 Enacted

	2020 Enacted		2021 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Office of the Secretary—Departmental Operations.....	474	131,832	468	127,938	-6	-3,894
Office of the Solicitor.....	304	66,816	381	86,813	+77	+19,997
Office of Inspector General.....	251	55,986	261	59,342	+10	+3,356
Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians ^{1/2/}	417	108,540	0	0	-417	-108,540
Subtotal, Current.....	1,446	363,174	1,110	274,093	-336	-89,081
Permanent and Other						
Indian Arts and Crafts Fund.....	0	20	0	20	0	0
Take Pride in America, Gifts and Bequests.....	0	5	0	5	0	0
Public Lands Infrastructure Fund.....	0	0	0	1,300,000	0	+1,300,000
Mineral Leasing and Associated Payments.....	0	1,772,553	0	1,809,303	0	+36,750
Payments to Oklahoma.....	0	11	0	11	0	0
Payments to Alaska, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.....	0	473,377	0	250,736	0	-222,641
National Forest Fund, Payments to States.....	0	12,094	0	12,848	0	+754
Leases of Lands Acquired for Flood Control, Navigation, and Allied Purposes.....	0	29,530	0	31,625	0	+2,095
National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska.....	0	13,761	0	17,314	0	+3,553
Geothermal Lease Revenues, Payments to Counties ...	0	3,860	0	0	0	-3,860
States' Share from Certain Gulf of Mexico Leases.....	0	369,408	0	351,513	0	-17,895
Tribal Special Fund ^{1/}	0	107,000	0	0	0	-107,000
Tribal Trust Fund ^{1/}	0	40,000	0	0	0	-40,000
Trust Land Consolidation Fund ^{1/}	18	0	0	0	-18	0
Subtotal, Permanent and Other.....	18	2,821,619	0	3,773,375	-18	+951,756
Allocation and Reimbursable						
Allocated—Office of the Secretary.....	60	0	60	0	0	0
Allocated—Office of the Solicitor.....	30	0	42	0	+12	0
Reimbursable—Office of the Secretary.....	280	0	280	0	0	0
Reimbursable—Office of the Solicitor.....	150	0	82	0	-68	0
Reimbursable—Office of Inspector General.....	13	0	13	0	0	0
Subtotal, Allocation and Reimbursable.....	533	0	477	0	-56	0
TOTAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES.....	1,997	3,184,793	1,587	4,047,468	-410	+862,675
National Indian Gaming Commission.....	135	19,989	135	25,079	0	+5,090

^{1/} The 2021 budget proposes to establish the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) and transition ongoing essential functions currently performed by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) to the BTFA. Programmatic information on OST functions transitioning to BTFA is presented in the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration chapter.

^{2/} The 2020 enacted level for Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians reflects a rescission of \$3.0 million in prior-year balances.

Note: The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) budget is presented in the Interior Budget in Brief under a separate chapter entitled Office of Insular Affairs. Information on OIA accounts can be found in the President's Budget Appendix under the Departmental Offices Heading.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Office of the Secretary— Departmental Operations

	2019 Actual	2020 Enacted	2021 Request	Change
Leadership and Administration.....	97,398	102,356	99,473	-2,883
Management Services.....	27,275	29,476	28,465	-1,011
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	124,673	131,832	127,938	-3,894

Detail of Budget Changes

	2021 Change from 2020 Enacted		2021 Change from 2020 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-3,894	LWCF Land Acquisition Project	
		Valuations	-1,810
Salaries and Expenses.....	-3,894	Indian Country Appraisals	-229
Leadership and Administration.....	-2,883	U.S. Bureau of Mines Workers’	
FOIA Workload/Backlog.....	-1,000	Compensation	-41
Field Special Assistants.....	+1,500	Indian Arts and Crafts Board Activities	+80
Transfer Ethics Program to Solicitor.....	-619	Fixed Costs	+628
Rent and Administrative Savings	-5,788		
Fixed Costs	+3,024	Subtotal for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Management Services.....	-1,011	Fixed Costs	[+3,652]
Hearings and Appeals—			
Administrative Law Judges.....	+361		

APPROPRIATION: Office of the Solicitor

	2019 Actual	2020 Enacted	2021 Request	Change
Legal Services	58,996	59,240	59,765	+525
General Administration	4,940	5,029	5,713	+684
Ethics Office	1,738	2,547	19,475	+16,928
FOIA Office	0	0	1,860	+1,860
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	65,674	66,816	86,813	+19,997

Detail of Budget Changes

	2021 Change from 2020 Enacted		2021 Change from 2020 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+19,997	Ethics Office	+16,928
		Ethics Office Modernization	+16,864
Legal Services	+525	Fixed Costs	+64
Workforce Planning	-1,120	FOIA Office— Establish FOIA Office.....	+1,860
Fixed Costs	+1,645		
General Administration—Fixed Costs.....	+684	Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
		Fixed Costs	[+2,393]

APPROPRIATION: Office of Inspector General

	2019 Actual	2020 Enacted	2021 Request	Change
Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations	18,761	20,344	22,000	+1,656
Investigations.....	20,761	22,261	23,000	+739
Mission Support	12,964	13,381	14,342	+961
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o supplemental & transfers)	52,486	55,986	59,342	+3,356
Supplemental	1,000	0	0	0
Transfers	+1,200	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/supplemental & transfers)	54,686	55,986	59,342	+3,356

Detail of Budget Changes

	2021 Change from 2020 Enacted		2021 Change from 2020 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+3,356		
		Mission Support	+961
Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations	+1,656	Mission Support	+349
Indian Country	+700	Fixed Costs	+612
Cybersecurity	+717		
Fixed Costs	+239	Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Investigations.....	+739	Fixed Costs	[+1,090]
Investigations.....	+500		
Fixed Costs	+239		

APPROPRIATION: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians^{1/}

	2019 Actual	2020 Enacted	2021 Request	Change
Executive Direction.....	1,697	1,697	0	-1,697
Program Operations and Support	109,843	109,843	0	-109,843
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o rescission).....	111,540	111,540	0	-111,540
Rescission of Prior-Year BA	0	-3,000	0	+3,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/rescission)	111,540	108,540	0	-108,540

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