



FACT SHEET

HOMELAND SECURITY PROPOSALS IN PRESIDENT BUSH'S FY 2006 BUDGET

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FY 2006 Budget Provides Small Increase in Homeland Security Funding

President Bush's FY 2006 Budget provides a small increase in homeland security funding, with the exception of first responder grants, which are slated for cuts.

The budget provides \$28.8 billion in 2006 for overall domestic discretionary spending on homeland-security-related activities (which includes many but not all programs at the Department of Homeland Security, as well as activities in other agencies, such as counterterrorism efforts at the Department of Justice and biohazard research at the Department of Health and Human Services). This represents an increase of \$650 million, or 2.3 percent, above CBO's baseline – the level needed to maintain current services.

Table 1 - Government-wide Homeland Security Funding in Bush FY 2006 Budget (discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars)				
	2006 Request	2006 Baseline (excluding Supplemental)	Request vs. Baseline	Percent Change
Domestic Homeland Security	28,849	28,199	650	2.3%

Another way to look at homeland security funding is the budget request for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) alone, which includes several programs such as flood insurance that are not considered "homeland security" funding, but nonetheless are components of the department. The President's budget provides \$34.2 billion in gross discretionary budget authority for the department (including spending from discretionary fees). This represents an increase of \$1.3 billion, or 3.9 percent, in inflation-adjusted terms. However, this increase is contingent upon enactment of a fee increase for air travelers.

Table 2 - Department of Homeland Security Funding in Bush FY 2006 Budget (discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars, totals may not add due to rounding)				
	2006 Request	2006 Baseline (excluding Supplemental)	Request vs. Baseline	Percent Change
Net Discretionary Appropriations	29,342	30,099	-758	-2.5%
Spending from Discretionary Fees . . .	4,811	2,768	2,043	73.8%
Gross Discretionary Appropriations	34,152	32,867	1,285	3.9%

The Bush administration's 2006 funding request for DHS includes the following:

First Responder Grants. The President's budget cuts several first responder grant programs at DHS. The budget cuts DHS state grants by \$298 million, or 27 percent; urban area grants by \$79 million, or 9 percent; and firefighter assistance grants by \$226 million, or 31 percent (compared to the 2005 enacted level adjusted for inflation). In addition, the budget cuts funding for two Department of Justice programs that the administration does not consider "homeland security," even though they provide needed assistance to the nation's first responders – including a cut in the COPS program of \$485 million, or 96 percent; and the elimination of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, a cut of \$537 million.

TSA. The budget provides overall funding for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of \$5.56 billion, which includes spending from the passenger security fee (PSF) collected from air passengers and fees paid by air carriers. As part of the 2006 budget, the budget proposes to increase the PSF by \$3, from \$2.50 to \$5.50. For passengers flying multiple legs, the maximum fee on a one-way ticket would increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Administration documents do not specify how much of its estimated 2006 fee collections are attributable to the proposed increase of the PSF, but the amount would be significant – at least \$1 billion in 2006. If the fee were not increased, then either TSA's budget would fall short by that amount or cuts would have to be made elsewhere to make up the difference.

Port Security. The budget includes no specific amount for port security grants, which were funded at \$150 million in 2005 (about 10 percent of what the Coast Guard estimated would be necessary in 2005 to meet the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act). For 2006, the budget proposes a \$600 million targeted infrastructure protection grant program that could be used to provide assistance to protect ports, non-aviation transportation systems, energy infrastructure and other infrastructure security needs as determined by DHS.

Coast Guard.* The budget includes \$6.9 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Coast Guard for 2006 (including operations and construction funding) – a \$412 million, or 6.3 percent, increase in inflation-adjusted terms.

Border Security.* The budget includes \$5.6 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection for 2006 (including staffing and modernization funding) – a 2.3 percent increase over 2005 adjusted for inflation. Included in the budget is funding for an additional 210 border agents – well below the 2,000 additional agents authorized for 2006 in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The budget includes \$3.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for immigration and customs enforcement for 2006 – an increase of \$119 million, or 3.6 percent, above the 2005 level adjusted for inflation.

*Totals include both homeland security and non-homeland security-related funding.
Note: All years are fiscal years unless otherwise noted.

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