

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND
Special Fund
(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1999 actuals:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	\$21,070
Permanent Indefinite Authority 1/.....	546,715
2000 appropriation:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	23,000
Permanent Indefinite Authority.....	686,281
2001 base:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	23,000
Permanent Indefinite Authority 2/.....	462,838
2001 estimate:			
Appropriated Definite Authority.....	23,000
Permanent Indefinite Authority 2/.....	462,838

1/ The 1999 Permanent Indefinite Authority of \$551,092,000 includes \$94,993,000 in Super Surplus obligations.

2/ The 2001 request proposes a transfer of funding for the Seized Asset Administration program of \$10,209,000.

	<u>2000 Appropriation</u>			<u>2001 Base</u>			<u>2001 Estimate</u>			<u>Increase/Decrease</u>		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Comparison by activity and program												
1. Appropriated Definite Authority:												
Investigative Expenses.....	\$23,000	...	...	\$23,000	...	...	\$23,000	...	...	...
2. Permanent Indefinite Budget Authority.	686,281	...	...	462,838	...	...	462,838	...	...	...
Total.....	709,281	...	...	485,838	...	...	485,838	...	...	...

The primary purpose of the Fund is to provide a stable source of resources to cover the costs of an effective asset seizure and forfeiture program, including the costs of seizing, evaluating, inventorying, maintaining, protecting, advertising, forfeiting, and disposing of property. Prior to the creation of the Fund, costs of these activities had to be diverted from agency operational funds. Receipts (permanent indefinite authority) are available to pay program operations expenses, equitable sharing to state and local law enforcement agencies who assist in forfeiture cases, and lienholders. If provided for in the Department's Appropriations Act, a portion of Fund receipts (appropriated, definite authority) are available to pay investigative expenses, including awards for information, purchase of evidence, and equipping of conveyances. Excess unobligated balances of the Fund designated as Super Surplus are available to support federal investigative, litigative, or correctional expenses or other authorized purposes of the Department of Justice. The Department is proposing to fund the following increases from the AFF Super Surplus should funds be available: \$4,200,000 for an INS financial system; \$5,000,000 for an IDENT/IAFIS 10-print pilot project; \$10,000,000 for an FBI digital collection database; and \$2,000,000 for a USMS financial system. (See the individual components' requests for more information.)