

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Budget Overview



Fiscal Year 2026

Congressional Justification

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Appropriation Organization Structure

	Level	Fund Type (* Includes Defense Funding)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	Component	
Operations and Support	Appropriation	
Employment Status Verification	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Application Processing	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Federal Assistance	Appropriation	
Citizenship and Integration Grants	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	Appropriation	
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	Appropriation	
Service Center Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	Appropriation	
District Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Service Center Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
EB-5 Integrity Fund	Appropriation	Mandatory - Fee
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Appropriation and PPA Summary *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget
Operations and Support	\$271,140	\$271,140	\$111,142
Employment Status Verification	\$111,085	\$111,085	\$111,142
Application Processing	\$160,055	\$160,055	-
Federal Assistance	\$10,000	\$10,000	-
Citizenship and Integration Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000	-
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	\$5,944,570	\$7,012,474	\$6,742,583
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	\$19,859	\$18,971	\$18,808
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	\$49,267	\$46,038	\$46,066
EB-5 Integrity Fund	\$10,846	\$16,271	\$10,800
Total	\$6,305,682	\$7,374,894	\$6,929,399

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Comparison of Budget Authority and Request

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Operations and Support	813	1,084	271,140	813	1,084	271,140	321	287	111,142	(492)	(797)	(159,998)
Federal Assistance	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(10,000)
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	23,411	20,975	5,901,378	24,203	22,304	6,560,555	24,849	22,104	6,539,234	646	(200)	(21,321)
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	-	-	20,000	-	-	20,000	109	109	20,000	109	109	-
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	185	176	56,140	185	176	63,903	185	176	64,047	-	-	144
EB-5 Integrity Fund	40	35	8,760	40	35	8,918	40	35	8,946	-	-	28
Total	24,449	22,270	6,267,418	25,241	23,599	6,934,516	25,504	22,711	6,743,369	263	(888)	(191,147)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	813	1,084	281,140	813	1,084	281,140	321	287	111,142	(492)	(797)	(169,998)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	23,636	21,186	5,986,278	24,428	22,515	6,653,376	25,183	22,424	6,632,227	755	(91)	(21,149)

Component Budget Overview

The FY 2026 Budget includes \$111.1M; 321 positions; and 287 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) in discretionary budget authority for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The FY 2026 Budget also estimates \$6.6B; 25,183 positions; and 22,424 FTE in total mandatory budget authority for the Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA), the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account, EB-5 Integrity Fund, and the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account.

The funding enables USCIS to meet its mission requirements, including the following:

- Strengthen and effectively administer the immigration system.
- Strengthen National security safeguards and combat fraud.
- Reinforce quality and consistency in administering immigration benefits.

The FY 2026 discretionary funding supports the E-Verify Program.

E-Verify is a web-based system that allows enrolled employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States. The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program is funded within IEFA. Due to the similarities between E-Verify and SAVE, both programs use the Verification Information System and secondary IT systems and services. Shared costs are distributed between the two programs. USCIS is incorporating a phased-in user fee increase to \$3.10 per verification request, regardless of whether the case involves additional verification requests. Simultaneously, USCIS is eliminating fees for non-federal agencies to expand the use of SAVE.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Operations and Support	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	(492)	(797)	(\$123,246)	\$2.42
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	23,411	20,975	\$3,291,256	\$156.85	24,203	22,304	\$3,707,133	\$166.19	24,849	22,104	\$3,694,397	\$167.11	646	(200)	(\$12,736)	\$0.93
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	-	-	-	\$0.00	-	-	-	\$0.00	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	185	176	\$28,447	\$161.63	185	176	\$32,618	\$185.33	185	176	\$32,762	\$186.15	-	-	\$144	\$0.82
EB-5 Integrity Fund	40	35	\$5,593	\$159.80	40	35	\$5,751	\$164.31	40	35	\$5,779	\$165.11	-	-	\$28	\$0.80
Total	24,449	22,270	\$3,493,869	\$156.83	25,241	23,599	\$3,914,075	\$165.84	25,504	22,711	\$3,795,026	\$167.08	263	(888)	(\$119,049)	\$1.24
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	(492)	(797)	(\$123,246)	\$2.42
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	23,636	21,186	\$3,325,296	\$156.90	24,428	22,515	\$3,745,502	\$166.33	25,183	22,424	\$3,749,699	\$167.20	755	(91)	\$4,197	\$0.86

Pay by Object Class
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$2,400,006	\$2,625,696	\$2,545,267	(\$80,429)
11.3 Other than Full-time Permanent	\$13,093	\$14,833	\$14,985	\$152
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$79,693	\$110,023	\$104,128	(\$5,895)
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$999,842	\$1,163,023	\$1,130,140	(\$32,883)
13.0 Benefits for Former Personnel	\$1,235	\$500	\$506	\$6
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$3,493,869	\$3,914,075	\$3,795,026	(\$119,049)
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	24,449	25,241	25,504	263
FTE - Civilian	22,270	23,599	22,711	(888)
Positions - Military	-	-	-	-
FTE - Military	-	-	-	-

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Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Operations and Support	\$102,567	\$102,567	\$65,815	(\$36,752)
Federal Assistance	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	\$2,610,122	\$2,853,422	\$2,844,837	(\$8,585)
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$3,239	(\$16,761)
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	\$27,693	\$31,285	\$31,285	-
EB-5 Integrity Fund	\$3,167	\$3,167	\$3,167	-
Total	\$2,773,549	\$3,020,441	\$2,948,343	(\$72,098)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$112,567	\$112,567	\$65,815	(\$46,752)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$2,660,982	\$2,907,874	\$2,882,528	(\$25,346)

Non Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$48,863	\$53,923	\$36,798	(\$17,125)
22.0 Transportation of Things	\$12,785	\$20,408	\$20,408	-
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$276,675	\$282,351	\$281,987	(\$364)
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	\$3,146	\$3,149	\$3,149	-
23.3 Communications, Utilities, & Miscellaneous	\$135,593	\$137,815	\$138,050	\$235
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$8,895	\$12,974	\$12,974	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$1,032,030	\$1,025,556	\$952,162	(\$73,394)
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$63,937	\$123,468	\$114,151	(\$9,317)
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$377,639	\$374,447	\$374,370	(\$77)
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$2,872	\$3,396	\$3,396	-
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$224,046	\$299,285	\$306,960	\$7,675
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$27,654	\$27,438	\$27,517	\$79
31.0 Equipment	\$490,181	\$500,349	\$530,539	\$30,190
32.0 Land and Structures	\$55,064	\$141,092	\$141,092	-
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	\$10,082	\$10,003	\$3	(\$10,000)
42.0 Insurance Claims and Indemnities	\$4,087	\$4,787	\$4,787	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$2,773,549	\$3,020,441	\$2,948,343	(\$72,098)

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Supplemental Budget Justification Exhibits****Proposed Legislative Language****Operations and Support**

For necessary expenses of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for operations and support[, including for] *of* the E-Verify Program[,the Refugee and International Operations Programs, and backlog reduction, \$271,140,000] *\$111,142,000*: [*Provided*, That such amounts shall be in addition to any other amounts made available for such purposes, and shall not be construed to require any reduction of any fee described in section 286(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)): *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$5,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.]

Language Provision	Explanation
...[, including for] of the E-Verify Program[,the Refugee and International Operations Programs, and backlog reduction, \$271,140,000] <i>\$111,142,000</i>	Language eliminated to account for the reduced scope of operations proposed within the account and associated reduction in discretionary funding.
...[Provided, That such amounts shall be in addition to any other amounts made available for such purposes, and shall not be construed to require any reduction of any fee described in section 286(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)): <i>Provided further</i> , That not to exceed \$5,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.]	Elimination of clause related to the partial discretionary funding associated with previous scope of operations and reception and representation expenses.

Federal Assistance

[For necessary expenses of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for Federal assistance for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, \$10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025.]

Language Provision	Explanation
[For necessary expenses of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for Federal assistance for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, \$10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025.]	Language removed to account for elimination of Federal Assistance funds.

10 U.S.C. § 1790. Military Personnel Citizenship Processing

Using funds provided for operation and maintenance and notwithstanding section 2215 of this title, the Secretary of Defense may reimburse the Secretary of Homeland Security for costs associated with the processing and adjudication by [the] United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of applications for naturalization described in sections 328(b)(4) and 329(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(4) and 1440(b)(4)). Such reimbursements shall be deposited and remain available as provided by subsections (m) and (n) of section 286 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1356). Such reimbursements shall be based on actual costs incurred by USCIS for processing applications for naturalization [and shall not exceed \$7,500,000 per fiscal year].

Language Provision	Explanation
... [the] United States Citizenship...	Minor language adjustment.
Such reimbursements shall be based on actual costs incurred by USCIS for processing applications for naturalization ...[and shall not exceed \$7,500,000 per fiscal year].	Elimination of this language would allow USCIS to continue collecting reimbursement of naturalization adjudication costs from the Department of Defense (DoD) in excess of the current limit (\$7.5M per year). Military naturalization directly supports the DoD mission, and it is appropriate for DoD to cover its costs, especially since USCIS cannot otherwise charge fees to these applicants.

Sec. 403. Application Support Center

Sec. 403. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Federal funds made available to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services *in fiscal year 2026 or in any other fiscal year thereafter* may be used for the collection and use of biometrics taken at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Application Support Center that is overseen virtually by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services personnel using appropriate technology.

Language Provision	Explanation
...United States Citizenship and Immigration services <i>in fiscal year 2026 or in any other fiscal year thereafter</i> ...	Section 403 has been enacted as an annual rather than permanent provision since the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The inclusion of “words of futurity” make this a permanent provision applicable to future fiscal years as well as the one fiscal year covered by the appropriation legislation.

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Operations and Support



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Operations and Support

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Budget Authority and Request

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Employment Status Verification	321	302	\$111,085	321	302	\$111,085	321	287	\$111,142	-	(15)	\$57
Application Processing	492	782	\$160,055	492	782	\$160,055	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$160,055)
Total	813	1,084	\$271,140	813	1,084	\$271,140	321	287	\$111,142	(492)	(797)	(\$159,998)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	813	1,084	\$271,140	813	1,084	\$271,140	321	287	\$111,142	(492)	(797)	(\$159,998)

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Operations and Support (O&S) appropriation provides funding for ongoing mission operations, mission support, and associated management and administration costs for E-Verify.

The O&S appropriation supports the following Program, Project, and Activities (PPAs):

Employment Status Verification (ESV): The ESV PPA provides funding for E-Verify, which is one component of USCIS's Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate. E-Verify is a web-based system that allows enrolled employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States. E-Verify employers verify the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employees by electronically matching information provided by employees on Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, against records available in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of State (DoS), and state and local systems (DMVs). The other component is the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program, which is funded within USCIS's Immigration Examinations Fee Account. Due to the similarities between E-Verify and SAVE, both programs use the Verification Information System and secondary IT systems and services. Shared costs are distributed between the two programs.

Application Processing (USCIS is not requesting funds for this PPA in FY 2026): The Application Processing PPA previously provided funding for staff, equipment, and support services to process generally non-revenue generating refugee and asylum applications and petitions. The funding supported the refugee admission ceiling, protection screening for migrants interdicted at sea, adjudication of certain parole and following-to-join refugee and asylee relative petitions, processing of refugee travel document requests and related appeals, as well as international operations. This PPA also supported employment authorization document backlog and affirmative asylum backlog workloads across USCIS' Field Operations and Service Center Operations Directorates. The functions that have previously been requested to be funded through this PPA will be funded with USCIS fee accounts.

Operations and Support
Summary of Budget Changes
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$102,567	\$271,140
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$102,567	\$271,140
FY 2026 Base Budget	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$102,567	\$271,140
Application Processing Technical Corrections	-	(322)	-	-	-
Total Technical Changes	-	(322)	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$2,797	-	\$2,797
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	\$2,797	-	\$2,797
2024 Civilian Pay Raise Annualization	-	-	\$1,729	-	\$1,729
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	\$1,729	-	\$1,729
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	(322)	\$4,526	-	\$4,526
FY 2026 Current Services	813	762	\$173,099	\$102,567	\$275,666
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Application Processing Removal	(492)	(460)	(\$127,186)	(\$35,914)	(\$163,100)
E-Verify Program Alignment	-	(15)	(\$586)	(\$838)	(\$1,424)
Total Program Changes	(492)	(475)	(\$127,772)	(\$36,752)	(\$164,524)
FY 2026 Request	321	287	\$45,327	\$65,815	\$111,142
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	(492)	(797)	(\$123,246)	(\$36,752)	(\$159,998)

The Application Processing Technical Corrections corrects 322 FTEs that were associated with overtime in FY 2024.

Operations and Support
Justification of Pricing Changes
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Pricing Change 1 - 2024 Civilian Pay Raise Annualization	-	-	\$1,729	-	\$1,729
Employment Status Verification	-	-	\$566	-	\$566
Application Processing	-	-	\$1,163	-	\$1,163
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	\$1,729	-	\$1,729

Operations and Support Justification of Program Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Program Change 1 - Application Processing Removal	(492)	(460)	(\$127,186)	(\$35,914)	(\$163,100)
Application Processing	(492)	(460)	(\$127,186)	(\$35,914)	(\$163,100)
Program Change 2 - E-Verify Program Alignment	-	(15)	(\$586)	(\$838)	(\$1,424)
Employment Status Verification	-	(15)	(\$586)	(\$838)	(\$1,424)
Total Program Changes	(492)	(475)	(\$127,772)	(\$36,752)	(\$164,524)

Program Change 1 Application Processing Removal:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	492	460	\$163,100
Program Change	(492)	(460)	(\$163,100)

Description/Justification

In accordance with administration priorities, USCIS is no longer requesting discretionary appropriations for the Application Processing PPA and will support these programs in FY 2026 with fee revenue to ease the burden on taxpaying citizens of the United States. USCIS anticipates no negative impact on future performance outcomes with this alignment.

Program Change 2 E-Verify Program Alignment:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	321	302	\$112,566
Program Change	-	(15)	(\$1,424)

Description/Justification

USCIS is decreasing funding for the E-Verify program by \$1.4M and 15 FTE to align with onboard levels and cost projections. USCIS expects to maintain current performance levels with this adjustment.

Operations and Support Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary (Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Employment Status Verification	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	-	(15)	\$895	\$10.81
Application Processing	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	-	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$124,141)	(\$158.75)
Total	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	(492)	(797)	(\$123,246)	\$2.42
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	813	1,084	\$168,573	\$155.51	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	(492)	(797)	(\$123,246)	\$2.42

Pay by Object Class (Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$117,900	\$117,900	\$32,915	(\$84,985)
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$9,965	\$9,965	\$604	(\$9,361)
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$40,708	\$40,708	\$11,808	(\$28,900)
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$168,573	\$168,573	\$45,327	(\$123,246)
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	813	813	321	(492)
FTE - Civilian	1,084	1,084	287	(797)

Operations and Support Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Employment Status Verification	\$66,653	\$66,653	\$65,815	(\$838)
Application Processing	\$35,914	\$35,914	-	(\$35,914)
Total	\$102,567	\$102,567	\$65,815	(\$36,752)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$102,567	\$102,567	\$65,815	(\$36,752)

Non Pay by Object Class *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$17,656	\$17,656	\$428	(\$17,228)
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$6,078	\$6,078	\$5,240	(\$838)
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	\$2,944	\$2,944	\$2,944	-
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$139	\$139	\$139	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$13,962	\$13,962	\$4,606	(\$9,356)
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$9,538	\$9,538	\$208	(\$9,330)
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$7,179	\$7,179	\$7,179	-
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$258	\$258	\$258	-
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$44,283	\$44,283	\$44,283	-
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$191	\$191	\$191	-
31.0 Equipment	\$339	\$339	\$339	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$102,567	\$102,567	\$65,815	(\$36,752)

Employment Status Verification – PPA**Budget Comparison and Adjustments****Comparison of Budget Authority and Request***(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Employment Status Verification	321	302	\$111,085	321	302	\$111,085	321	287	\$111,142	-	(15)	\$57
Total	321	302	\$111,085	321	302	\$111,085	321	287	\$111,142	-	(15)	\$57
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	321	302	\$111,085	321	302	\$111,085	321	287	\$111,142	-	(15)	\$57

PPA Level I Description

The ESV PPA provides funds for the operations, mission support, and associated management and administration costs of E-Verify. E-Verify is authorized by the *Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA)* and is administered by SSA and USCIS. USCIS facilitates compliance with U.S. immigration law by providing E-Verify program support, user support, training, outreach, compliance, and developing innovative technological solutions to streamline employment eligibility verification.

In the E-Verify process, employers create cases based on information from an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, which is electronically compared to records available in DHS, SSA, DoS, and DMVs. The employer usually receives a response within a few seconds either confirming the employee's employment eligibility or indicating that the employee needs to take further action to complete the case due to a data mismatch between what was provided on Form I-9 and what the government has in its records. Cases that cannot be resolved automatically are manually resolved by E-Verify or SSA employees.

This PPA also funds USCIS's E-Verify Account Compliance and Engagement Branch, which protects E-Verify against system misuse through activities such as identifying and resolving compliance issues, notifying employers of noncompliant behaviors, and offering compliance assistance in the form of emails, phone calls, desk reviews, and site visits. USCIS conducts these monitoring and compliance activities to prevent misuse, abuse, discrimination, breach of privacy, and suspected fraudulent use of E-Verify under applicable laws, rules, regulations, and agency policies.

The following tables depict the E-Verify workload actuals for FY 2024 and projections for FY 2025 and FY 2026:

E-Verify Projected Workload for FY 2024 - FY 2026				
Activity	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Projection	FY 2026 Projection	Change from FYs 2025-2026
E-Verify				
E-Verify Cases run by employer	44,300,000	45,000,000	46,700,000	1,700,000
E-Verify cases requiring secondary review by staff	364,000	470,000	650,000	180,000
E-Verify cases requiring additional review by staff	72,000	90,400	95,400	5,000
Enrolled Employers (Cumulative)	1,280,000	1,400,000	1,530,000	130,000
E-Verify Account Compliance Actions				
Emails	236,000	250,000	275,000	25,000
Compliance Calls	12,700	13,700	14,700	1,000
Desk Reviews	460	510	560	50
Site Visits	-	-	20	20
Case Reviews	1,550	2,000	2,500	500
Webinars	420	400	420	20
Total E-Verify Account Compliance Actions	251,130	266,610	293,200	26,590

E-Verify Projected External Actions from FY 2024 – FY 2026				
External Actions	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Projection	FY 2026 Projection	Change from FY 2025-2026
Referrals to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Fraud)	48	1,000	1,200	200
Referrals to Department of Justice (Discrimination)	611	630	675	45
Law Enforcement Requests (LERs) – IER, ICE, Other Agencies	187	200	275	75
Locked Social Security Numbers (SSNs)	4,126	7,000	8,000	1,000
Total External Activity	4,972	8,830	10,150	1,320

Employment Status Verification – PPA
Summary of Budget Changes
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	321	302	\$44,432	\$66,653	\$111,085
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	321	302	\$44,432	\$66,653	\$111,085
FY 2026 Base Budget	321	302	\$44,432	\$66,653	\$111,085
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$915	-	\$915
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	\$915	-	\$915
2024 Civilian Pay Raise Annualization	-	-	\$566	-	\$566
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	\$566	-	\$566
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	\$1,481	-	\$1,481
FY 2026 Current Services	321	302	\$45,913	\$66,653	\$112,566
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
E-Verify Program Alignment	-	(15)	(\$586)	(\$838)	(\$1,424)
Total Program Changes	-	(15)	(\$586)	(\$838)	(\$1,424)
FY 2026 Request	321	287	\$45,327	\$65,815	\$111,142
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	-	(15)	\$895	(\$838)	\$57

Employment Status Verification-PPA Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Employment Status Verification	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	-	(15)	\$895	\$10.81
Total	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	-	(15)	\$895	\$10.81
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	302	\$44,432	\$147.13	321	287	\$45,327	\$157.93	-	(15)	\$895	\$10.81

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$32,271	\$32,271	\$32,915	\$644
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$593	\$593	\$604	\$11
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$11,568	\$11,568	\$11,808	\$240
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$44,432	\$44,432	\$45,327	\$895
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	321	321	321	-
FTE - Civilian	302	302	287	(15)

Employment Status Verification – PPA

Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Employment Status Verification	\$66,653	\$66,653	\$65,815	(\$838)
Total	\$66,653	\$66,653	\$65,815	(\$838)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$66,653	\$66,653	\$65,815	(\$838)

Non Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$428	\$428	\$428	-
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$6,078	\$6,078	\$5,240	(\$838)
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	\$2,944	\$2,944	\$2,944	-
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$139	\$139	\$139	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$4,606	\$4,606	\$4,606	-
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$208	\$208	\$208	-
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$7,179	\$7,179	\$7,179	-
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$258	\$258	\$258	-
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$44,283	\$44,283	\$44,283	-
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$191	\$191	\$191	-
31.0 Equipment	\$339	\$339	\$339	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$66,653	\$66,653	\$65,815	(\$838)

Application Processing – PPA**Budget Comparison and Adjustments****Comparison of Budget Authority and Request***(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Application Processing	492	782	\$160,055	492	782	\$160,055	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$160,055)
Total	492	782	\$160,055	492	782	\$160,055	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$160,055)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	492	782	\$160,055	492	782	\$160,055	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$160,055)

PPA Level I Description

USCIS is not requesting appropriated funding in FY 2026 for the activities previously funded through this PPA. Going forward, these activities will be funded with USCIS fee accounts.

The Application Processing PPA previously provided funding for staff, equipment, and support services to process generally non-revenue generating refugee and asylum applications and petitions. The funding supported the refugee admission ceiling, protection screening for migrants interdicted at sea, adjudication of certain parole and following-to-join refugee and asylee relative petitions, processing of refugee travel document requests and related appeals, as well as international operations. This PPA also supported employment authorization document backlog and affirmative asylum backlog workloads across USCIS's Field Operations and Service Center Operations directorates.

Application Processing – PPA Summary of Budget Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	492	782	\$124,141	\$35,914	\$160,055
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	492	782	\$124,141	\$35,914	\$160,055
FY 2026 Base Budget	492	782	\$124,141	\$35,914	\$160,055
Application Processing Technical Corrections	-	(322)	-	-	-
Total Technical Changes	-	(322)	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$1,882	-	\$1,882
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	\$1,882	-	\$1,882
2024 Civilian Pay Raise Annualization	-	-	\$1,163	-	\$1,163
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	\$1,163	-	\$1,163
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	(322)	\$3,045	-	\$3,045
FY 2026 Current Services	492	460	\$127,186	\$35,914	\$163,100
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Application Processing Removal	(492)	(460)	(\$127,186)	(\$35,914)	(\$163,100)
Total Program Changes	(492)	(460)	(\$127,186)	(\$35,914)	(\$163,100)
FY 2026 Request	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	(492)	(782)	(\$124,141)	(\$35,914)	(\$160,055)

Application Processing Verification-PPA Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Application Processing	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	-	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$124,141)	(\$158.75)
Total	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	-	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$124,141)	(\$158.75)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	492	782	\$124,141	\$158.75	-	-	-	-	(492)	(782)	(\$124,141)	(\$158.75)

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$85,629	\$85,629	-	(\$85,629)
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$9,372	\$9,372	-	(\$9,372)
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$29,140	\$29,140	-	(\$29,140)
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$124,141	\$124,141	-	(\$124,141)
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	492	492	-	(492)
FTE - Civilian	782	782	-	(782)

Application Processing – PPA Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Application Processing	\$35,914	\$35,914	-	(\$35,914)
Total	\$35,914	\$35,914	-	(\$35,914)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$35,914	\$35,914	-	(\$35,914)

Non Pay by Object Class *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$17,228	\$17,228	-	(\$17,228)
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$9,356	\$9,356	-	(\$9,356)
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$9,330	\$9,330	-	(\$9,330)
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$35,914	\$35,914	-	(\$35,914)

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Federal Assistance



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Federal Assistance

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Budget Authority and Request

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Citizenship and Integration Grants	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)
Total	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is not requesting a Federal Assistance appropriation.

Federal Assistance
Summary of Budget Changes
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
FY 2026 Base Budget	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026 Current Services	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Assistance	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Total Program Changes	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
FY 2026 Request	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)

Federal Assistance Justification of Program Changes

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Program Change 1 - Federal Assistance	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Citizenship and Integration Grants	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Total Program Changes	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)

Program Change 1 – Citizenship and Integration Grants Adjustment:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	-	-	\$10,000
Program Change	-	-	(\$10,000)

Description/Justification

USCIS has determined that the Federal Assistance grants no longer effectuate agency priorities. Consistent with Administration direction, USCIS is focused on advancing the essential mission of enforcing immigration laws and securing the border without burdening taxpaying U.S. Citizens.

Federal Assistance
Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Citizenship and Integration Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)

Non Pay by Object Class
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)

Citizenship and Integration Grants – PPA

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Budget Authority and Request

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Citizenship and Integration Grants	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)
Total	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,000)

Citizenship and Integration Grants – PPA

Summary of Budget Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
FY 2026 Base Budget	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026 Current Services	-	-	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Assistance	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Total Program Changes	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
FY 2026 Request	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	-	-	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)

Citizenship and Integration Grants – PPA

Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Citizenship and Integration Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)

Non Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)

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Immigration Examinations Fee Account



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Immigration Examinations Fee Account

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Fee Collections

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
Immigration Examination Fee Account: Non-Premium	\$4,543,266	\$5,648,253	\$5,370,186	(\$278,067)
Immigration Examination Fee Account: Premium	\$1,401,304	\$1,364,221	\$1,372,397	\$8,176
Total	\$5,944,570	\$7,012,474	\$6,742,583	(\$269,891)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$5,944,570	\$7,012,474	\$6,742,583	(\$269,891)

The Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA) is the primary funding source for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The IEFA provides the resources to:

- Strengthen and effectively administer the immigration system.
- Strengthen national security safeguards and combat fraud.
- Reinforce quality and consistency in administering immigration benefits.

Fee Authority: The IEFA is authorized via Sections 286(m), (n), (t), and (u) of the *Immigration and Nationality Act* (INA) (8 U.S.C. § 1356(m), (n), (t), (u)). In addition, section 286(u) of the INA, (8 U.S.C. § 1356(u)), provides the Secretary with authority to establish and collect a premium fee for the premium processing of certain immigration benefit types. The *Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act*, P.L. 116-159, which was signed into law on October 1, 2020, contains the *Emergency Stopgap USCIS Stabilization Act* (USCIS Stabilization Act). The USCIS Stabilization Act increased the fee for petitions that were previously designated for premium processing service, broadened the authorized use of funds, and allows for the expansion of premium processing to new categories of petitions and applications.

Fee Uses: Fees collected with the submission of immigration benefit requests are deposited into IEFA and used to fund the full cost of processing immigration benefit requests, including the cost of providing services without charge to applicants whose fees are waived or to whom a fee exemption applies.

The IEFA supports the following activities:

- Adjudication Operations: Contains Directorate and Program Offices (DPOs) responsible for safeguarding the integrity of the nation's lawful immigration system by leading agency efforts to combat fraud, detect national security and public safety threats, and maximize law enforcement and Intelligence Community partnerships. The Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS) leads the Agency's efforts to determine whether individuals or organizations filing for immigration benefits pose a threat to national security, public safety, or the integrity of the Nation's immigration system. Both the Field Office Directorate and the Service Center Operations Directorate perform the processing of immigration benefit applications in offices located throughout the United States. Embedded within each of these directorates are officers dedicated to improving the accuracy, integrity, and timeliness of USCIS decisions. Also included are public safety components and support services such as guard services, janitorial services, rent and other overhead.
- Immigration Policy and Support: Supports policy and advisory components as well as program office components not included elsewhere. Also includes components responsible for management of space, contracts, security, emergency management, enterprise risk management, training, human resources, as well as costs associated with design, development, and deployment of IT services and solutions in support of immigration policy and the USCIS enterprise.
- Refugee, Asylum and International Operations: The Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate (RAIO) is responsible for adjudicating asylum and refugee status applications for individuals seeking protection from persecution. RAIO also facilitates the process for qualifying relatives of admitted principal refugees and approved principal asylees to immigrate to the United States. The International and Refugee Affairs Division (IRAD) is responsible for the administration of the Secretary of Homeland Security's exercise of authority to grant parole to certain individuals outside the United States for urgent humanitarian or significant public benefit reasons and is currently abiding by the regulations outlined under executive order 14013. IRAD also manages USCIS' permanent international presence. The Asylum Division adjudicates affirmative asylum applications, including conducting applicant interviews, and conducts credible fear screenings.
- Immigration Records and Applicant Services: Contains DPOs that primarily provide interaction and services to inter/intra agency partners and the general public and associated overhead, as well as provides for the development of both external public products and internal communications, the administration of biometric services and identity services at application support centers, facilitating FBI namechecks and biometric checks, responses to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, file management and handling services for non-FOIA requests, administering the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, and managing immigration data systems.
- Premium Processing (Including Transformation)¹: Expenditures from the collection of premium processing fees in front line DPOs (SCOPS, FOD and RAIO) and program office components to support information technology and other infrastructure improvements in adjudication processes, personnel and contracts supporting the processing of premium processing requests, other costs associated with overheads and the lockbox operations, and otherwise offset the cost of providing adjudications and naturalization services.

¹ The uses of premium processing fees are statutorily defined in 8 U.S.C. 1356(u).

Change Mechanism: Notice and comment rulemaking for non-premium funds; direct final rule for premium funds.

- **Non-premium:** USCIS conducts a biennial fee review, which takes into consideration existing operations, workload volume forecasts, and proposed policy initiatives to determine if current fees will recover the full cost of its operations including the cost of services provided at no charge. If USCIS determines its fees will not recover full cost, then the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may propose to adjust its fees via a notice and comment rulemaking in the Federal Register. DHS receives public comments on USCIS' Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), incorporates feedback as appropriate, and publishes a final rule in the Federal Register to adjust fees.
- **Premium:** USCIS is authorized to adjust its premium processing fee on a biennial basis by the percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of June preceding the date on which such adjustment takes effect exceeds CPI-U for the same month of the second preceding calendar year. DHS issues a direct final rule in the Federal Register to reflect this change and notify the public.

USCIS published the FY 2022/2023 IEFA Fee Rule NPRM in the Federal Register on January 4, 2023. The Public Comment period for this NPRM ended March 13, 2023. The NPRM proposed updates to the Fee Schedule and additional changes in forms and fee structure.² The Final IEFA Fee Rule was published on January 31, 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.³

On December 28, 2023, USCIS issued a final fee rule to increase premium processing fees to reflect the amount of inflation for the period of June 2021 to June 2023 according to the CPI-U. The effective date of the final fee rule was February 26, 2024.⁴ The adjustment increased premium processing fees from \$1,500 to \$1,685, \$1,750 to \$1,965, and \$2,500 to \$2,805.

Previous Changes:

Current non-premium fees became effective on April 1, 2024.⁵ The fees for petitions that were previously designated for premium processing service were last adjusted on October 1, 2020, in accordance with P.L. 116-159. USCIS implemented the new premium processing fees on February 26, 2024.⁶

Recovery Rate: IEFA non-premium fees are intended to recover full cost. Premium fees are not intended to recover full cost. The charts below are provided to identify the recovery rate over the past five years.

² For additional information, see the Unified Agenda entry for the USCIS fee schedule at [Federal Register: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/31/2024-01427/us-citizenship-and-immigration-services-fee-schedule-and-changes-to-certain-other-immigration-benefit-request-requirements)

³ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/31/2024-01427/us-citizenship-and-immigration-services-fee-schedule-and-changes-to-certain-other-immigration>

⁴ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/12/28/2023-28529/adjustment-to-premium-processing-fees>

⁵ For additional information on non-premium fee changes, please see 89 FR 6194: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/31/2024-01427/us-citizenship-and-immigration-services-fee-schedule-and-changes-to-certain-other-immigration>.

⁶ Reminder: Adjustment to Premium Processing Fees Takes Effect Today, <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/reminder-adjustment-to-premium-processing-fees-takes-effect-today> (Release Date 02/26/2024).

As of April 1, 2024, USCIS is now collecting fees according to the final FY 2022/2023 Fee Rule.⁷

Historical Collections and Cost Recovery Rate⁸

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Five-Year Total
Immigration Examinations Fee Account (Non-Premium)	\$3,334,165	\$3,726,269	\$3,590,798	\$3,838,685	\$4,962,119	\$19,452,036
Total of Eligible Expenses	\$3,367,355	\$3,540,254	\$3,537,038	\$3,861,198	\$4,373,988	\$18,679,833
Cost Recovery %	99.0%	105.3%	101.5%	99.4%	113.4%	104.1%

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Five-Year Total
Immigration Examinations Fee Account (Premium)	\$493,000	\$987,116	\$1,244,039	\$1,082,835	\$1,256,101	\$5,063,091
Total of Eligible Expenses	\$528,474	\$761,681	\$872,076	\$1,216,570	\$1,314,571	\$4,693,372
Cost Recovery %	93.3%	129.6%	142.7%	89.0%	95.6%	107.9%

Changes in Fee Collections: In April 2024, USCIS implemented a new fee rule for non-premium fees. This was the first increase in non-premium fees since FY 2017. Revenue collection for FY 2024 exceeded forecast based upon the increase in fees. Revenue collection for FY 2025 is forecast to increase from FY 2024 as it will be the first full year of the new fees. USCIS is also projecting an increase in forms receipts in FY 2025, enhancing collections. In February 2024, USCIS implemented an inflationary adjustment to premium processing fees. This led to an increase in collections in FY 2024. USCIS expects premium revenue collections to continue to increase in FY 2025 as this will be the first full year of the new fees.

⁷ USCIS current fee schedule: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/g-1055.pdf>

⁸ Includes minor variations due to rounding.

Immigration Examinations Fee Account

Budget Spending Authority Request⁹

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted			FY 2025 Full-Year CR			FY 2026 President's Budget			FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	13,244	11,866	\$2,124,623	13,608	12,670	\$2,342,432	13,731	12,840	\$2,358,416	123	170	\$15,984
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	3,316	2,971	\$1,413,157	3,115	2,948	\$1,695,132	3,419	2,890	\$1,671,586	304	(58)	(\$23,546)
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	2,014	1,805	\$424,950	2,061	1,851	\$435,558	2,474	2,016	\$433,605	413	165	(\$1,953)
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	1,544	1,383	\$605,761	1,841	1,706	\$663,621	1,691	1,445	\$718,054	(150)	(261)	\$54,433
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	3,293	2,950	\$1,332,887	3,578	3,129	\$1,423,812	3,534	2,913	\$1,357,573	(44)	(216)	(\$66,239)
Total	23,411	20,975	\$5,901,378	24,203	22,304	\$6,560,555	24,849	22,104	\$6,539,234	646	(200)	(\$21,321)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	23,411	20,975	\$5,901,378	24,203	22,304	\$6,560,555	24,849	22,104	\$6,539,234	646	(200)	(\$21,321)

⁹ “Budget Spending Authority Request” refers to the funding USCIS anticipates to obligate, as opposed to “Budget Authority” which refers to budget resources.

Immigration Examinations Fee Account**Summary of Budget Changes***(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	23,411	20,975	\$3,291,256	\$2,610,122	\$5,901,378
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	24,203	22,304	\$3,707,133	\$2,853,422	\$6,560,555
FY 2026 Base Budget	24,203	22,304	\$3,707,133	\$2,853,422	\$6,560,555
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$18,051	-	\$18,051
Annualization of Enhancements	-	415	\$68,561	-	\$68,561
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	415	\$86,612	-	\$86,612
Enhancement Priorities Adjustment	-	(271)	(\$46,690)	-	(\$46,690)
Hiring Priorities Adjustment	-	(968)	(\$138,470)	-	(\$138,470)
Total Pricing Changes	-	(1,239)	(\$185,160)	-	(\$185,160)
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	(824)	(\$98,548)	-	(\$98,548)
FY 2026 Current Services	24,203	21,480	\$3,608,585	\$2,853,422	\$6,462,007
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
H-1B Transfer	(109)	(109)	(\$16,760)	(\$1,240)	(\$18,000)
IRAD Transfer	413	413	\$60,681	(\$28,604)	\$32,077
SAVE Expansion	109	109	\$18,447	\$52,300	\$70,747
SCOSS Contract	233	211	\$23,444	(\$31,041)	(\$7,597)
Total Program Changes	646	624	\$85,812	(\$8,585)	\$77,227
FY 2026 Request	24,849	22,104	\$3,694,397	\$2,844,837	\$6,539,234
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	646	(200)	(\$12,736)	(\$8,585)	(\$21,321)

Immigration Examinations Fee Account

Justification of Pricing Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Pricing Change 1 - Enhancement Priorities Adjustment	-	(271)	(\$46,690)	-	(\$46,690)
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	-	(44)	(\$6,490)	-	(\$6,490)
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	-	(54)	(\$10,921)	-	(\$10,921)
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	-	(105)	(\$17,187)	-	(\$17,187)
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	-	(6)	(\$939)	-	(\$939)
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	-	(62)	(\$11,153)	-	(\$11,153)
Pricing Change 2 - Hiring Priorities Adjustment	-	(968)	(\$138,470)	-	(\$138,470)
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	-	(97)	(\$13,869)	-	(\$13,869)
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	-	(327)	(\$47,934)	-	(\$47,934)
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	-	(248)	(\$35,709)	-	(\$35,709)
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	-	(124)	(\$17,518)	-	(\$17,518)
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	-	(172)	(\$23,440)	-	(\$23,440)
Total Pricing Changes	-	(1,239)	(\$185,160)	-	(\$185,160)

Immigration Examinations Fee Account**Justification of Program Changes***(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Program Change 1 - H-1B Transfer	(109)	(109)	(\$16,760)	(\$1,240)	(\$18,000)
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	(65)	(65)	(\$10,056)	(\$744)	(\$10,800)
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	(44)	(44)	(\$6,704)	(\$496)	(\$7,200)
Program Change 2 - IRAD Transfer	413	413	\$60,681	(\$28,604)	\$32,077
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	413	413	\$60,681	(\$28,604)	\$32,077
Program Change 3 - SAVE Expansion	109	109	\$18,447	\$52,300	\$70,747
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	109	109	\$18,447	\$52,300	\$70,747
Program Change 4 - SCOSS Contract	233	211	\$23,444	(\$31,041)	(\$7,597)
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	188	188	\$20,211	(\$11,192)	\$9,019
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	45	23	\$3,233	\$18,023	\$21,256
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	-	-	-	(\$37,872)	(\$37,872)
Total Program Changes	646	624	\$85,812	(\$8,585)	\$77,227

Program Change 1 – H-1B Transfer:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	109	109	\$18,000
Program Change	(109)	(109)	(\$18,000)

Description/Justification

This program transfers 109 positions to the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account to process H-1B applications to replace contract work that is ending. These personnel will focus on managing electronic adjudications and supporting the H-1B processing efforts.

Program Change 2 – IRAD Transfer:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	87	87	\$76,561
Program Change	413	413	\$32,077

Description/Justification

This program change funds an additional 413 positions that were supported by appropriations in the Operations and Support Account and transitions these costs to USCIS's fee account.

Program Change 3 – SAVE Expansion:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	300	300	\$74,145
Program Change	109	109	\$70,747

Description/Justification

This program change funds 109 positions and non-pay costs for a total increase of \$70.7M to strengthen SAVE by enhancing its infrastructure and applications to handle workload and system usage growth; this increase will also support the development and deployment of a voter verification service that can provide voter verification and voter list maintenance without requiring a DHS enumerator. This requirement currently limits States' ability to leverage the existing SAVE service due to their inability to obtain and provide DHS-issued enumerators. USCIS will create engagements with organizations to fully understand States' needs and expectations for a voter verification service, take a user-centric approach to designing such a service, developing technical capability by leveraging existing Verification Information System (VIS) services, modifying other VIS services, and in some cases building new functionality.

Program Change 4 – SCOSS Contract:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	381	381	\$109,880
Program Change	233	211	(\$7,597)

Description/Justification

The Service Center Operations Support Services (SCOSS) Contract will expire on November 30, 2025, and will not be renewed. This program change removes the contract costs and increases payroll costs to account for the insourced positions needed to accomplish the work that would have been handled by the contract if it were renewed. USCIS projects cost savings by eliminating the contract and moving away from manual processing to electronic form intake.

Immigration Examinations Fee Account

Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	13,244	11,866	\$1,804,948	\$152.05	13,608	12,670	\$1,974,711	\$155.86	13,731	12,840	\$2,002,631	\$155.97	123	170	\$27,920	\$0.11
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	3,316	2,971	\$571,313	\$192.22	3,115	2,948	\$757,180	\$256.68	3,419	2,890	\$715,611	\$247.44	304	(58)	(\$41,569)	(\$9.23)
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	2,014	1,805	\$286,677	\$158.77	2,061	1,851	\$296,270	\$160.06	2,474	2,016	\$322,921	\$160.18	413	165	\$26,651	\$0.12
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	1,544	1,383	\$219,914	\$158.95	1,841	1,706	\$276,106	\$161.84	1,691	1,445	\$278,239	\$192.55	(150)	(261)	\$2,133	\$30.71
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	3,293	2,950	\$408,404	\$138.39	3,578	3,129	\$402,866	\$128.75	3,534	2,913	\$374,995	\$128.73	(44)	(216)	(\$27,871)	(\$0.02)
Total	23,411	20,975	\$3,291,256	\$156.85	24,203	22,304	\$3,707,133	\$166.19	24,849	22,104	\$3,694,397	\$167.11	646	(200)	(\$12,736)	\$0.93
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	23,411	20,975	\$3,291,256	\$156.85	24,203	22,304	\$3,707,133	\$166.19	24,849	22,104	\$3,694,397	\$167.11	646	(200)	(\$12,736)	\$0.93

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$2,257,890	\$2,480,516	\$2,472,607	(\$7,909)
11.3 Other than Full-time Permanent	\$13,089	\$14,829	\$14,981	\$152
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$68,935	\$99,149	\$102,097	\$2,948
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$950,107	\$1,112,139	\$1,104,206	(\$7,933)
13.0 Benefits for Former Personnel	\$1,235	\$500	\$506	\$6
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$3,291,256	\$3,707,133	\$3,694,397	(\$12,736)
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	23,411	24,203	24,849	646
FTE - Civilian	20,975	22,304	22,104	(200)

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Non-Pay Budget Exhibits

Non-Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	\$319,675	\$367,721	\$355,785	(\$11,936)
Immigration Policy and Support (Immigration Services)	\$841,844	\$937,952	\$955,975	\$18,023
Refugee and Asylum Operations (Immigration Services)	\$138,273	\$139,288	\$110,684	(\$28,604)
Immigration Records and Applicant Services (Immigration Services)	\$385,847	\$387,515	\$439,815	\$52,300
Premium Processing Including Transformation (Immigration Services)	\$924,483	\$1,020,946	\$982,578	(\$38,368)
Total	\$2,610,122	\$2,853,422	\$2,844,837	(\$8,585)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$2,610,122	\$2,853,422	\$2,844,837	(\$8,585)

Non-Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$29,762	\$34,470	\$34,573	\$103
22.0 Transportation of Things	\$12,085	\$20,407	\$20,407	-
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$268,263	\$272,484	\$271,728	(\$756)
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	\$202	\$205	\$196	(\$9)
23.3 Communications, Utilities, & Miscellaneous	\$133,949	\$136,057	\$136,292	\$235
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$8,756	\$12,828	\$12,828	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$993,312	\$980,650	\$934,612	(\$46,038)
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$54,348	\$105,619	\$105,632	\$13
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$370,449	\$367,268	\$367,191	(\$77)
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$2,599	\$3,138	\$3,138	-
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$178,075	\$255,002	\$262,677	\$7,675

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26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$27,093	\$27,174	\$27,253	\$79
31.0 Equipment	\$471,996	\$492,241	\$522,431	\$30,190
32.0 Land and Structures	\$55,064	\$141,092	\$141,092	-
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	\$82	-	-	-
42.0 Insurance Claims and Indemnities	\$4,087	\$4,787	\$4,787	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$2,610,122	\$2,853,422	\$2,844,837	(\$8,585)

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H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account



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H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Fee Collections

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Fee Account	\$19,859	\$18,971	\$18,808	(\$163)
Total	\$19,859	\$18,971	\$18,808	(\$163)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$19,859	\$18,971	\$18,808	(\$163)

Fee Authority: The H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Fee Account was established by Section 286(s) of the *Immigration and Nationality Act* (8 U.S.C. § 1356(s)) and amended by the *American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998* (ACWIA), Public Law 105-277, Division C, Title IV, 112 Stat. 2681. The ACWIA fee was reauthorized and made permanent by the *L-1 Visa and H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004* (part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005*, Public Law 108-447, 118 Stat. 2809, 3351-61 (2004)).

Fee Uses: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's (USCIS) H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account supports activities related to the processing of petitions for nonimmigrant workers in the H-1B visa classification. The H-1B visa program allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations. USCIS receives five percent of the collections generated by these fees to fund USCIS' immigration benefit adjudication efforts, while the remaining 95 percent of ACWIA collections are deposited in accounts managed by the Department of Labor, which receives 55 percent and the National Science Foundation, which receives 40 percent.

Change Mechanism: Statutory. Requires action through House and Senate Judiciary Committees, and passage into law.

Previous Changes: The H-1B Visa Reform Act reauthorized and increased the ACWIA fee. Section 214(c)(9) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. § 1184(c)(9), requires certain H-1B petitioners with more than 25 employees in the United States to pay an ACWIA fee of \$1,500, while similar petitioners with 25 or fewer employees in the United States pay an ACWIA fee of \$750.

Recovery Rate: The fee was not designed for full cost recovery for H-1B petition processing.

Historical Collections and Cost Recovery Rate

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Five-Year Total
Total Amount of Fee Collected	\$19,129	\$26,682	\$23,743	\$16,867	\$19,859	\$106,280
Total of Eligible Expenses	\$35,000	\$14,333	\$14,909	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$104,242
Cost Recovery %	54.7%	186.2%	159.3%	84.3%	99.30%	101.96%

Changes in Fee Collections: The H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner account fees are set in statute, and in the past, there has been very little fluctuation in annual revenue. There was a high of revenue in FY 2021, followed by a decline in FY 2022 and FY 2023. FY 2021 and FY 2022 were anomalous years and may have reflected a surge of compounding demand that occurred immediately after the COVID-19 Pandemic. FY 2024 revenue reflected an increase from the previous fiscal years due to a slight increase of form volume. USCIS projects a slight decrease in revenue in FY 2025.

H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account Summary of Budget Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	-	-	-	\$20,000	\$20,000
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	-	-	-	\$20,000	\$20,000
FY 2026 Base Budget	-	-	-	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026 Current Services	-	-	-	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
SCOSS Contract	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-
Total Program Changes	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-
FY 2026 Request	109	109	\$16,761	\$3,239	\$20,000
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-

H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account Justification of Program Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2026 President's Budget				
	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
Program Change 1 - SCOSS Contract	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-
Service Center Operations	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-
Total Program Changes	109	109	\$16,761	(\$16,761)	-

Program Change 1 – SCOSS Contract:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Pos	FTE	Amount
Base: Current Services & Transfers	-	-	\$20,000
Program Change	109-	109-	-

Description/Justification

The Service Center Operations Support Services (SCOSS) Contract will expire on November 30, 2025, and will not be renewed. This program change removes the contract costs and increases payroll costs to account for the insourced positions needed to accomplish the work that would have been handled by the contract if it were renewed. USCIS projects cost savings by eliminating the contract and moving away from manual processing to electronic form intake.

H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Service Center Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77	109	109	\$16,761	\$153.77

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
11.1 Full-time Permanent	-	-	\$12,342	\$12,342
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	-	-	\$514	\$514
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	-	-	\$3,905	\$3,905
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	-	-	\$16,761	\$16,761
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	-	-	109	109
FTE - Civilian	-	-	109	109

H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account

Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Service Center Operations	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$3,239	(\$16,761)
Total	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$3,239	(\$16,761)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$3,239	(\$16,761)

Non Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,230	\$1,230
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	-	-	\$9	\$9
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$18,000	\$18,000	-	(\$18,000)
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$3,239	(\$16,761)

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Fraud Prevention and Detection Account



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Comparison of Fee Collections

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	\$49,267	\$46,038	\$46,066	\$28
Total	\$49,267	\$46,038	\$46,066	\$28
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$49,267	\$46,038	\$46,066	\$28

Fee Authority: The Fraud Prevention and Detection Account (FPDA) was established by Section 286(v) of the *Immigration and Nationality Act* (INA) (8 U.S.C. § 1356 (v)) and the *L-1 Visa and H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004* (part of P.L. 108-447).

Fee Uses: FPDA directly supports U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) efforts to strengthen the integrity of the United States' immigration system. FPDA resources enable USCIS operations to identify threats to national security and public safety, detect and combat immigration benefit fraud, and remove systemic and other vulnerabilities. USCIS receives one-third of the collections generated by the fees to fund a portion of USCIS' fraud detection and prevention efforts, while the remaining two-thirds of the collections are deposited equally in accounts managed by the Secretary State and the Secretary of Labor.

The FPDA funds a portion of the operational costs for the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS) and Service Center Operations Directorate (SCOPS). FDNS leads the Agency's efforts to determine whether individuals or organizations filing for immigration benefits pose a threat to national security, public safety, or the integrity of the Nation's immigration system.

The FPDA funds salaries and benefits for 115 FDNS and 70 SCOPS positions. Resources from the FPDA are not sufficient to fund all of USCIS' fraud detection and national security programs and represent a portion of the overall staff required to determine whether individuals or organizations filing for immigration benefits pose a threat to national security, public safety, or the integrity of the Nation's immigration system. Therefore, these activities are also supported by the Immigration Examinations Fee Account.

The following table provides a summary of the total USCIS fraud detection referrals processed:

Fraud Detection Referrals Processed¹

Workload Type	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Total Referrals	176,308	175,500	191,600
National Security Records	15,646	15,500	16,000
Public Safety Reviews	11,641	15,000	15,000
Public Safety Cases	4,916	9,500	10,000
Fraud Reviews ²	36,569	33,000	36,000
Fraud Cases	20,696	23,000	25,000
Workload Mission Record ³	77,644	70,000	80,000
Intel	1,689	2,000	2,100
Administrative Site Visit and Verification Program (ASVVP)	2,001	2,000	2,000
Targeted Site Visit and Verification Program (TSVVP)	5,506	5,500	5,500

Change Mechanism: Statutory. Requires action through the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, and passage into law.

Previous Changes: Last change was made through the L-1 Visa and H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004 (part of P.L. 108-447). The Act amended Section 214(c) of the INA by adding a new subsection (c)(12) which imposed a \$500 fraud prevention and detection fee on certain employers filing H-1B petitions.

¹ For this document, the term “referral” indicates any request for FDNS to review, investigate, or support USCIS workload. This differs from the standard definition of FDNS-DS-NexGen “referral” that does not include requests to FDNS to conduct administrative investigations of fraud.

² With the release of FDNS-DS NexGen, Fraud Reviews became synonymous with Leads in FDNS-DS.

³ With the release of FDNS-DS-NexGen, Workload Mission Records replaced most of the Request for Assistance record types.

Recovery Rate: This fee is not designed to be full cost recovery. The recovery rate in FY 2024 was 106.63 percent.

Historical Collections and Cost Recovery Rate

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Five-Year Total
Total Amount of Fee Collected	\$41,692	\$40,375	\$60,250	\$45,813	\$49,267	\$237,397
Total of Eligible Expenses	\$77,117	\$36,679	\$44,981	\$49,617	\$46,202	\$254,596
Cost Recovery %	54.06%	110.08%	133.95%	92.33%	106.63%	93.25%

Changes in Fee Collections: USCIS does not anticipate any statutory changes in FY 2026 that would affect collections. USCIS fee collections increased in FY 2024 compared to prior years, due to increasing Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, filings (excluding FY 2022, which appears to be an anomaly in recent annual trend). In FY 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) issued a temporary final rule that made available 64,716 additional H-2B temporary non-agricultural worker visas for FY 2023 and FY 2024.⁴ Additionally, DHS and DOL published another temporary final rule on December 2, 2024, that made the 64,716 H-2B visas available once again for FY 2025. Following this trend, USCIS forecasts similar volume and revenue levels for H-2B applications in FY 2025 and FY 2026.⁵

⁴ For more information: <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/temporary-workers/h-2b-temporary-non-agricultural-workers>.

⁵ Subject to Congressional extension of the H-2B supplemental visa exemption (e.g., P.L. 117-328, Division O, Title III, Section 303, Supplemental Visa Exemption).

Fraud Prevention and Detection Account Summary of Budget Changes

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	185	176	\$28,447	\$27,693	\$56,140
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	185	176	\$32,618	\$31,285	\$63,903
FY 2026 Base Budget	185	176	\$32,618	\$31,285	\$63,903
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$144	-	\$144
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	\$144	-	\$144
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	\$144	-	\$144
FY 2026 Current Services	185	176	\$32,762	\$31,285	\$64,047
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Program Changes	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026 Request	185	176	\$32,762	\$31,285	\$64,047
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	-	-	\$144	-	\$144

Fraud Prevention and Detection Account Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
District Operations	115	109	\$17,618	\$161.63	115	109	\$21,987	\$201.72	115	109	\$22,076	\$202.53	-	-	\$89	\$0.82
Service Center Operations	70	67	\$10,829	\$161.63	70	67	\$10,631	\$158.67	70	67	\$10,686	\$159.49	-	-	\$55	\$0.82
Total	185	176	\$28,447	\$161.63	185	176	\$32,618	\$185.33	185	176	\$32,762	\$186.15	-	-	\$144	\$0.82
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	185	176	\$28,447	\$161.63	185	176	\$32,618	\$185.33	185	176	\$32,762	\$186.15	-	-	\$144	\$0.82

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$20,101	\$23,049	\$23,151	\$102
11.3 Other than Full-time Permanent	\$4	\$4	\$4	-
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$793	\$909	\$913	\$4
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$7,549	\$8,656	\$8,694	\$38
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$28,447	\$32,618	\$32,762	\$144
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	185	185	185	-
FTE - Civilian	176	176	176	-

Fraud Prevention and Detection Account Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
District Operations	\$13,929	\$14,692	\$14,692	-
Service Center Operations	\$13,456	\$16,245	\$16,245	-
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	\$308	\$348	\$348	-
Total	\$27,693	\$31,285	\$31,285	-
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$27,693	\$31,285	\$31,285	-

Non Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$1,205	\$1,557	\$1,557	-
22.0 Transportation of Things	\$700	\$1	\$1	-
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$334	\$1,789	\$1,789	-
23.3 Communications, Utilities, & Miscellaneous	\$1,644	\$1,758	\$1,758	-
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	-	\$7	\$7	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$4,294	\$10,482	\$10,482	-
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$51	\$8,311	\$8,311	-
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$11	-	-	-
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$15	-	-	-
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,688	-	-	-
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$356	\$59	\$59	-
31.0 Equipment	\$17,395	\$7,318	\$7,318	-
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	-	\$3	\$3	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$27,693	\$31,285	\$31,285	-

Department of Homeland Security

U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

EB-5 Integrity Fund



Fiscal Year 2026

Congressional Justification

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EB-5 Integrity Fund

Budget Comparison and Adjustments

Comparison of Fee Collections

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
EB-5 Integrity Fund	\$10,846	\$16,271	\$10,800	(\$5,471)
Total	\$10,846	\$16,271	\$10,800	(\$5,471)
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$10,846	\$16,271	\$10,800	(\$5,471)

USCIS administers the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, which was created by Congress in 1990 to stimulate the U.S. economy through job creation and capital investment by foreign investors. Immigrant investors choose between two investment options, either the Regional Center Program, introduced by Congress in 1992 and authorized through 2027 or standalone projects. Regional centers focus on development in specific geographic areas in the United States with the intended benefits of economic growth, increased export sales, improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment and are the predominant investment option chosen by immigrant investors.¹

Fee Authority: Section 102 of the *EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022*, Division BB of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022* (P.L. 117-103) amended Section 203(b)(5) of the *Immigration and Nationality Act*, and subsequently established a special fund in the U.S. Treasury, known as the “EB-5 Integrity Fund” (8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5)(J)). The EB-5 Integrity Fund collections include an annual fee of \$20,000 from each Regional Center with more than 20 investors; or an annual fee of \$10,000 from each Regional Center with 20 or fewer total investors in the preceding fiscal year in its new commercial enterprises. A \$1,000 fee is also collected for each petition filed under Section 204(a)(1)(H) – granting immigrant status for EB-5 petitioners; this fee is in addition to the fees established for each petition to recover the cost of adjudication under Section 286(m) – IEFA.

Fee Uses: The EB-5 Integrity Fund is to be used by DHS for the following: Conducting investigations, including monitoring and investigating program-related events and promotional activities and ensuring that an alien investor’s funds associated with the alien’s investment were obtained from a lawful source and through lawful means; detecting and investigating fraud or other crimes; determining whether regional centers, new commercial enterprises, job-creating entities, and alien investors (and their alien spouses and alien children) comply with U.S. immigration laws; conducting audits and site visits; and for other purposes as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determines necessary.

Change Mechanism: Per 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5)(J)(ii)(III) and Section 106 of the *EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022*, the Secretary of Homeland Security may increase fees through the regulatory process to ensure full recovery of the costs to provide aforementioned services, achieve efficient processing, and complete timely adjudications.

¹ Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-395, Title VI, § 610(a) (Oct. 6, 1992).

Previous Changes: N/A

Recovery Rate: The EB-5 Integrity Fund fees were established in FY 2022 by Congress. The Secretary of Homeland Security may increase fees by regulation as necessary to ensure full-cost recovery.

Historical Collections and Cost Recovery Rate

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Five-Year Total
Total Amount of Fee Collected	-	-	-	\$8,066	\$10,846	\$18,912
Total of Eligible Expenses ²	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost Recovery %	-	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

² To ensure USCIS is maintaining solvency in the account it was important to observe a consistent collection of fees prior to allocating recurring expenses. USCIS expects to incur expenses attributed to this fund in FY 2025.

EB-5 Integrity Fund
Summary of Budget Changes
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Pay Amount	Non-Pay Amount	Amount
FY 2024 Enacted	40	35	\$5,593	\$3,167	\$8,760
FY 2025 Full-Year CR	40	35	\$5,751	\$3,167	\$8,918
FY 2026 Base Budget	40	35	\$5,751	\$3,167	\$8,918
Total Technical Changes	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Civilian Pay Raise and Annualization	-	-	\$28	-	\$28
Total Annualizations and Non-Recurs	-	-	\$28	-	\$28
Total Pricing Changes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments-to-Base	-	-	\$28	-	\$28
FY 2026 Current Services	40	35	\$5,779	\$3,167	\$8,946
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Program Changes	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026 Request	40	35	\$5,779	\$3,167	\$8,946
FY 2025 TO FY 2026 Change	-	-	\$28	-	\$28

EB-5 Integrity Fund Personnel Compensation and Benefits

Pay Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted				FY 2025 Full-Year CR				FY 2026 President's Budget				FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	40	35	\$5,593	\$159.80	40	35	\$5,751	\$164.31	40	35	\$5,779	\$165.11	-	-	\$28	\$0.80
Total	40	35	\$5,593	\$159.80	40	35	\$5,751	\$164.31	40	35	\$5,779	\$165.11	-	-	\$28	\$0.80
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	40	35	\$5,593	\$159.80	40	35	\$5,751	\$164.31	40	35	\$5,779	\$165.11	-	-	\$28	\$0.80

Pay by Object Class

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Total Changes
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$4,115	\$4,231	\$4,252	\$21
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$1,478	\$1,520	\$1,527	\$7
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$5,593	\$5,751	\$5,779	\$28
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	40	40	40	-
FTE - Civilian	35	35	35	-

EB-5 Integrity Fund Non Pay Budget Exhibits

Non Pay Summary *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
Adjudication Operations (Immigration Services)	\$3,167	\$3,167	\$3,167	-
Total	\$3,167	\$3,167	\$3,167	-
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$3,167	\$3,167	\$3,167	-

Non Pay by Object Class *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Full-Year CR	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2025 to FY 2026 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$240	\$240	\$240	-
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$2,462	\$2,462	\$2,462	-
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$14	\$14	\$14	-
31.0 Equipment	\$451	\$451	\$451	-
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$3,167	\$3,167	\$3,167	-