

Department of Homeland Security

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Budget Overview



Fiscal Year 2022

Congressional Justification

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Appropriation Organization Structure

Organization Name	Level	Fund Type (* Includes Defense Funding)
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services	Component	
Operations and Support	Appropriation	
Employment Status Verification	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Application Processing	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	Appropriation	Discretionary - Appropriation
Verification Modernization (VER)	Investment PPA Level II	Discretionary - Appropriation
Federal Assistance	Appropriation	
Citizenship and Integration Grants	PPA	Discretionary - Appropriation
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	Appropriation	
District Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Service Center Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Records Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Premium Processing (Including Transformation)	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Information and Applicant Services	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Administration	PPA	Mandatory - Fee
Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE)	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

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Organization Name	Level	Fund Type (* Includes Defense Funding)
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	PPA	Mandatory - Fee

**United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Budget Comparison and Adjustments**

Appropriation and PPA Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget
Operations and Support	\$122,395	\$117,790	\$459,504
Employment Status Verification	\$122,395	\$117,790	\$114,504
Application Processing	-	-	\$345,000
Federal Assistance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Citizenship and Integration Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	\$3,895,829	\$4,555,230	\$4,650,745
District Operations	\$1,679,133	\$1,850,720	\$1,910,749
Service Center Operations	\$665,296	\$710,401	\$718,990
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	\$296,178	\$363,459	\$370,765
Records Operations	\$122,813	\$135,031	\$136,449
Premium Processing (Including Transformation)	\$528,473	\$788,787	\$792,602
Information and Applicant Services	\$79,865	\$107,702	\$108,860
Administration	\$491,206	\$563,609	\$571,016
Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE)	\$32,865	\$35,521	\$41,314
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	\$35,000	\$19,000	\$20,000
Service Center Operations	\$35,000	\$19,000	\$20,000
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	\$77,116	\$49,889	\$50,675
District Operations	58,673	\$28,703	\$29,226
Service Center Operations	18,262	\$20,878	\$21,141
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	181	\$308	\$308
Total	\$4,140,340	\$4,751,909	\$5,190,924

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Comparison of Budget Authority and Request
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted			FY 2021 Enacted			FY 2022 President's Budget			FY 2021 to FY 2022 Total Changes		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Operations and Support	419	398	\$122,395	419	398	\$117,790	1,705	1,620	\$459,504	1,286	1,222	\$341,714
Federal Assistance	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	19,794	18,806	\$3,895,829	20,451	19,429	\$4,555,230	20,481	19,457	\$4,650,745	30	28	\$95,515
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	118	118	\$35,000	-	-	\$19,000	-	-	\$20,000	-	-	\$1,000
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	435	426	\$77,116	185	176	\$49,889	185	176	\$50,675	-	-	\$786
Total	20,766	19,748	\$4,140,340	21,055	20,003	\$4,751,909	22,371	21,253	\$5,190,924	1,316	1,250	\$439,015
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	419	398	\$132,395	419	398	\$127,790	1,705	1,620	\$469,504	1,286	1,222	\$341,714
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	20,347	19,350	\$4,007,945	20,636	19,605	\$4,624,119	20,666	19,633	\$4,721,420	30	28	97,301

Component Budget Overview

The FY 2022 Budget includes \$469.5M; 1,705 positions; and 1,620 full-time equivalents (FTE) in discretionary budget authority for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This funding level represents an increase of \$341.7M above the FY 2021 Enacted Budget.

The FY 2022 Budget also estimates \$4.721B in total mandatory budget authority for the Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA), the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account, and the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account (FPDA).

The funding enables USCIS to fully 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 2022 discretionary funding supports the E-Verify Program (Employment Status Verification PPA), Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, as well as application processing.

The Employment Status Verification (ESV) PPA provides funds for the operations, mission support, and associated management and administration costs of E-Verify. E-Verify is an internet-based program that enables an employer to determine a newly-hired employee’s eligibility to work in the

United States by verifying information reported on an employee's Form I-9 against data from the Department of Homeland Security, Social Security Administration, Department of State, and Departments of Motor Vehicles of participating States.

USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program is funded via the Federal Assistance account. In FY 2021, USCIS expects to award nearly \$10.0M in grants to organizations that help prepare lawful permanent residents (LPRs) for naturalization.¹ The grants aim to promote prospective citizens' assimilation into American civic life by funding educational programs designed to increase their knowledge of English, U.S. history, and civics.

Application Processing supports the Administration's priority of decreasing application processing times, reducing the backlog, and expanding refugee processing efforts.

¹ For a list of past grant recipients, please visit: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/organizations/grant-program>

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Budget Authority and Obligations

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Enacted/Request	\$4,020,381	\$4,264,070	\$4,760,784
Carryover - Start of Year	\$936,913	\$1,103,188	\$672,057
Recoveries	\$226,949	\$76,000	\$76,000
Rescissions to Current Year/Budget Year	(\$1,815)	(\$16,485)	(\$1,244)
Net Sequestered Resources	\$16,428	(\$7,798)	(\$8,880)
Reprogramming/Transfers	\$1,815	\$8,985	-
Supplementals	-	-	-
CHIMP	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)
Total Budget Authority	\$5,196,671	\$5,423,960	\$5,494,711
Collections - Reimbursable Resources	\$46,857	\$75,000	\$75,000
Collections - Other Sources	-	-	-
Total Budget Resources	\$5,243,528	\$5,498,960	\$5,569,711
Obligations (Actual/Estimates/Projections)	\$4,134,066	\$4,751,909	\$5,190,924
Personnel: Positions and FTE			
Enacted/Request Positions	20,648	21,055	22,371
Enacted/Request FTE	19,630	20,003	21,253
Onboard and Actual FTE			
Onboard (Actual/Estimates/Projections)	19,696	21,055	22,371
FTE (Actual/Estimates/Projections)	20,162	20,003	21,253

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Collections – Reimbursable Resources

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted			FY 2021 Enacted			FY 2022 President’s Budget		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Canada/UK Visa	-	-	\$8,500	-	-	\$9,500	-	-	\$9,500
Department of Defense - Department of Defense	-	-	\$3,000	-	-	\$7,500	-	-	\$7,500
Department of Health and Human Services - Department Wide	-	-	\$250	-	-	\$5	-	-	\$5
Department of Homeland Security - Department of Homeland Security	-	-	\$1,500	-	-	\$952	-	-	\$952
Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency	-	-	\$5,000	-	-	\$12,994	-	-	\$12,994
Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Customs and Border Protection	-	-	\$6,000	-	-	\$19,154	-	-	\$19,154
Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	-	-	\$12,500	-	-	\$12,500	-	-	\$12,500
Department of Justice - Department of Justice	-	-	\$250	-	-	\$311	-	-	\$311
SAVE Collections	-	-	\$9,000	-	-	\$12,000	-	-	\$12,000
Department of Homeland Security – CISA	-	-	-	-	-	\$74	-	-	\$74
General Service Administration (GSA)	-	-	-	-	-	\$10	-	-	\$10
Total Collections	-	-	\$46,000	-	-	\$75,000	-	-	\$75,000

**United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Personnel Compensation and Benefits**

Pay Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted				FY 2021 Enacted				FY 2022 President's Budget				FY 2021 to FY 2022 Total			
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Rate
Operations and Support	419	398	\$49,295	\$123.86	419	398	\$51,343	\$129.00	1,705	1,620	\$258,247	\$159.41	1,286	1,222	\$206,904	\$30.41
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	19,794	18,806	\$2,358,362	\$125.34	20,451	19,429	\$2,543,490	\$130.84	20,481	19,457	\$2,607,305	\$133.93	30	28	\$63,815	\$3.09
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	118	118	\$20,000	\$169.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	435	426	\$60,523	\$160.03	185	176	\$25,947	\$147.43	185	176	\$26,733	\$151.89	-	-	\$786	\$4.46
Total	20,766	19,748	\$2,488,180	\$125.93	21,055	20,003	\$2,620,780	\$130.95	22,371	21,253	\$2,892,285	\$136.02	1,316	1,250	\$271,505	\$5.07
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	419	398	\$49,295	\$123.86	419	398	\$51,343	\$129.00	1,705	1,620	\$258,247	\$159.41	1,286	1,222	\$206,904	\$30.41
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	20,347	19,350	\$2,438,885	\$125.98	20,636	19,605	\$2,569,437	\$130.99	20,666	19,633	\$2,634,038	\$134.09	30	28	\$64,601	\$3.10

Pay by Object Class
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget	FY 2021 to FY 2022 Change
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$1,785,397	\$1,877,496	\$2,070,773	\$193,277
11.3 Other than Full-time Permanent	\$15,693	\$16,892	\$18,708	\$1,816
11.5 Other Personnel Compensation	\$31,946	\$35,449	\$38,973	\$3,524
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$653,889	\$689,621	\$762,476	\$72,855
13.0 Benefits for Former Personnel	\$1,255	\$1,322	\$1,355	\$33
Total - Personnel Compensation and Benefits	\$2,488,180	\$2,620,780	\$2,892,285	\$271,505
Positions and FTE				
Positions - Civilian	20,766	21,055	22,371	1,316
FTE - Civilian	19,748	20,003	21,253	1,250
FTE - Military	-	-	-	-

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Non Pay Budget Exhibits**

Non Pay Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget	FY 2021 to FY 2022 Change
Operations and Support	\$73,100	\$66,447	\$201,257	\$134,810
Federal Assistance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	-
Immigration Examinations Fee Account	\$1,537,467	\$2,011,740	\$2,043,440	\$31,700
H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$1,000
Fraud Prevention and Detection Account	\$16,593	\$23,942	\$23,942	-
Total	\$1,652,160	\$2,131,129	\$2,298,639	\$167,510
Subtotal Discretionary - Appropriation	\$83,100	\$76,447	\$211,257	\$134,810
Subtotal Mandatory - Fee	\$1,569,060	\$2,054,682	\$2,087,382	\$32,700

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

	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget	FY 2021 to FY 2022 Change
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$14,314	\$19,741	\$47,437	\$27,696
22.0 Transportation of Things	\$11,688	\$16,224	\$16,660	\$436
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$302,799	\$290,200	\$274,470	(\$15,730)
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	\$2,342	\$3,256	\$6,485	\$3,229
23.3 Communications, Utilities, & Miscellaneous	\$43,112	\$59,668	\$61,271	\$1,603
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$6,966	\$9,643	\$9,892	\$259
25.1 Advisory & Assistance Services	\$782,484	\$1,072,724	\$1,105,860	\$33,136
25.2 Other Services from Non-Federal Sources	\$21,192	\$32,058	\$113,625	\$81,567
25.3 Other Purchases of goods and services	\$235,805	\$322,587	\$330,242	\$7,655
25.4 Operations & Maintenance of Facilities	\$536	\$742	\$762	\$20
25.6 Medical Care	\$3	\$4	\$4	\$0
25.7 Operation & Maintenance of Equipment	\$135,327	\$183,581	\$188,254	\$4,673
26.0 Supplies & Materials	\$21,665	\$30,090	\$30,965	\$865
31.0 Equipment	\$54,025	\$66,901	\$88,633	\$21,732
32.0 Land and Structures	\$6,839	\$9,470	\$9,725	\$255
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	\$10,015	\$10,019	\$10,020	\$1
42.0 Insurance Claims and Indemnities	\$3,048	\$4,221	\$4,334	\$113
Total - Non Pay Budget Object Class	\$1,652,160	\$2,131,129	\$2,298,639	\$167,510

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Supplemental Budget Justification Exhibits**

Working Capital Fund
(Dollars in Thousands)

Appropriation and PPA <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 President's Budget
Operations and Support	\$3,352	-	-
Employment Status Verification	\$3,352	-	-
Immigration Examination Fee Account	\$11,964	-	-
District Operations	\$2,189	-	-
Service Center Operations	\$3,261	-	-
Asylum, Refugee and International Operations	\$3,193	-	-
Information and Applicant Services	\$1,448	-	-
Administration	\$1,683	-	-
Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements	\$190	-	-
Total Working Capital Fund	\$15,316	-	-

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Status of Congressionally Requested Studies, Reports and Evaluations

Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
2020	6/14/2019	Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 – Explanatory Statement Regarding House Joint Resolution 31	The conferees direct the Department, in consultation with the Department of Labor to review options for addressing the problem of unavailability of H-2B visas for employers that need workers to start work late in a semiannual period of availability and to report to the Committees on these options not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.	Transmitted – 06/07/2019
2021	1/27/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	The Committee is concerned that the Departments of Homeland Security and State have neglected their duty under the Immigration and Nationality Act to take affirmative steps to fully allocate all available immigrant visa numbers to prospective family- and employment-based immigrants. This inaction is especially concerning given the unprecedented demand for such visa numbers and the availability of ready and willing applicants currently within the United States, including many currently employed in occupations deemed essential by the Department of Homeland Security. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Committee directs USCIS, in consultation with the Department of State, to brief the Committee on a plan to fully allocate family- and employment-based visas in fiscal year 2021, and a contingency plan to allocate prior year unused visas in the event that such action is required (see, e.g., <i>Silva v. Bell</i> , 605 F.2d 978 (7th Cir. 1979)).	Drafted – Under Review
2021	1/27/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	USCIS continues to have the authority to accept private donations to support the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. The Committee directs USCIS to provide an update on its planned use of this authority not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to include efforts undertaken to increase public awareness of this authority.	Transmitted – 03/17/2021
2021	2/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	USCIS shall provide the Committees a plan, not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on establishing a quarterly, public report on backlogs for each form type or immigration benefit request. Such	Transmitted – 03/23/2021

Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
			reporting shall include, at a minimum, the total number of applicants or petitioners in each USCIS backlog; be identified by form type or immigration benefit request; and indicate the length of time pending in each backlog.	
2021	3/26/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	The Committee is concerned about the E-Verify program’s performance. While the database errors have improved as the system’s functionality has evolved, the program’s accuracy is still insufficient, resulting in individuals falsely being identified as ineligible to work, especially those with temporary protected status. When an individual is falsely identified as ineligible to work and has received a final non-confirmation from the system, there is no formal process for review of this determination. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS is directed to brief the Committee on a proposed review process for E-Verify final non-confirmations.	Transmitted – 03/11/2021
2021	3/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	The Committee is concerned about the increase in spending by USCIS when compared to available revenue. In an effort to avoid a future need for an influx of appropriations, USCIS shall brief the Committee within 90 days of the date of enactment of this act and quarterly thereafter on budget operations, including revenue projections, actual spending, and other financial forecasts. At a minimum, the briefing shall include the annual operating plan and detail the spending of each directorate and office, overview of operations, revenue and expenses delineated by form type, other agency expenses including payments or transfers to other Federal agencies, and carryover or reserve fund projections and spending. USCIS shall include any such analysis in its quarterly reporting to the Committee. Additionally, USCIS shall develop productivity measures that convey the baseline capacity and capabilities for processing applications and petitions and capture the impact of investments in personnel, technology, or changes to processes and policies on such measures. Updates on USCIS performance against these measures shall be included with the quarterly budget reporting.	Pending

Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
2021	3/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	<p>"1) Processing Times: USCIS is directed to prioritize the timely processing of citizenship and other applications, with a goal of adjudicating all requests within six months of submission. Further, if USCIS publishes a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or Final Rule that proposes or adopts any amendment to 8 C.F.R. § 103.7(c) (3– 5) that would impact fee levels, USCIS shall include the following information in its associated publications in the Federal Register:</p> <p>(1) a detailed description of steps the agency will take to reduce all average processing times to fewer than six months within one year of publication; and</p> <p>(2) an analysis of the amount of discretionary funding needed, if any, to enable USCIS to limit fees to rates that do not exceed appropriate inflation rates.</p> <p>USCIS is further directed to provide a report to the Committee, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on the number of application forms processed by month for fiscal years 2016 to 2020 for the following:</p> <p>(1) form I–130 (Petition for Alien Relative);</p> <p>(2) form I–360 (Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant);</p> <p>(3) form I–485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status);</p> <p>(4) form I–751 (Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence);</p> <p>(5) form N–400 (Application for Naturalization); and</p> <p>(6) forms for initial and renewed employment authorization.</p> <p>The report shall also include the following data, as applicable:</p> <p>(1) the immigration status of the petitioner (U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident (LPR));</p> <p>(2) the nationality of the applicant;</p> <p>(3) the date the application was initially filed;</p> <p>(4) the processing time; and</p> <p>(5) the field office or service center responsible for processing the application.</p> <p>The report shall also describe the reasons for any changes in processing rates or trends; any policy</p>	Pending

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Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
			<p>changes related to processing; and what steps USCIS is taking to address any delays.</p> <p>2) Processing Times for Immigration Benefits: The Committee is concerned that processing times for citizenship and other applications at USCIS continues to increase. The Committee expects USCIS to adjudicate citizenship and other applications in a timely manner. Within 90 days of the date of enactment of this act, the Committee directs USCIS to report on measures implemented to promptly reduce processing delays."</p>	
2021	3/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	<p>"Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS is directed to brief the Committees on the feasibility of complying with each of the directives in House Report 116-458 regarding the following topics:</p> <p>(1) replacement certificates of naturalization and certificates of citizenship;</p> <p>(2) humanitarian petitions;</p> <p>(3) military naturalization applications; and</p> <p>(4) unused visas. "</p>	Drafted – Under Review
2021	3/26/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	<p>Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS shall provide a briefing to the Committee detailing the Office of Citizenship’s accomplishments during fiscal year 2020 and its planned accomplishments for fiscal year 2021.</p>	Transmitted – 5/3/2021
2021	3/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	<p>The Committee remains concerned about the pace of refugee admissions and directs the Department to submit to the Committee and make available to the public on its website not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this act the following information for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2021: the number of USCIS staff assigned to the Refugee Corps at the Refugee Affairs Division of USCIS; the number of refugee processing circuit rides conducted; the number of USCIS Refugee Corps officers assigned to each circuit ride; the destination region and country for each circuit ride; the number of refugee interviews conducted by USCIS; and the number of approvals and denials issued by USCIS.</p>	Drafted – Under Review
2021	3/26/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	<p>The Committee is concerned about the prolonged delays at USCIS processing centers across the country</p>	Drafted – Under Review

Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
			and directs USCIS to provide a report to the Committee within 90 days of the date of enactment of this act on the efforts and specific actions, if any, that the agency is taking to reduce the backlog of asylum applications, while ensuring that asylum applicants are properly reviewed for security purposes.	
2021	03/26/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	The Committee is concerned that enhanced security-vetting requirements may be overburdening the agencies responsible for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), potentially exacerbating historic lows in refugee admissions. Accordingly, USCIS is directed to collaborate with the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide a report, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, that identifies for the past five fiscal years the yearly number of refugees in the USRAP pipeline who are: awaiting an interview with USCIS; pending security clearance after a USCIS interview; cleared for admission into the United States; and awaiting departure. This report shall also specify the average processing times, disaggregated by the applicant’s nationality, for completing each step listed above. Finally, this report shall establish the number of DHS personnel assigned to security screening of refugees for the each of the five reported years and the estimated number of personnel for the budget year.	Drafted – Under Review
2021	03/26/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS is directed to require that each individual performing asylum officer duties or reviewing the decisions of such personnel, receive annual training on the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and how such dynamics impact asylum seekers and their applications. The training must be conducted by individuals with documented expertise in this subject area. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS shall brief the Committee on the status of meeting this requirement.	Drafted – Under Review
2021	03/26/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	USCIS is directed to ensure that military naturalization applications are processed within six months, as required by the Military Personnel	Transmitted – 4/26/2021

Fiscal Year	Due Date	Reference/Citation	Requirement	Status
			<p>Citizenship Processing Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–382), and to establish a military naturalization promotion program, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, to ensure all military service members and their families learn about and consider their eligibility to apply for naturalization before the military service member’s separation from the military. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS shall brief the Committee on the status of meeting this requirement.</p>	
2021	04/27/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	<p>The Committee provides \$36,972,000 in discretionary funding for the SAVE program in lieu of relying solely on fee funding. Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS shall provide a report to the Committees that includes calculations of the percentage of all SAVE inquiries from user agencies made pursuant to mandates in federal law and the percentage related to benefits for which federal law does not require immigration status verification. The report shall provide this information for the last three fiscal years. In addition, the report shall include estimates of the per-inquiry and total amount of SAVE operational costs not recouped in user fees for each fiscal year.</p>	Drafted – Under Review
2021	04/27/21	H. Rept. 116-458	<p>"Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department shall report to the Committee on the administrative remedies that the Department of Labor has issued in each of the last three fiscal years against entities or persons who violate H–2B requirements. The report should contain, but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a list of entities or persons cited, by industry and violation; (2) the number of H–2B workers impacted and the nature of those impacts; (3) the effects on the domestic workforce; (4) the number of entities or persons debarred from the H– 2B program due to violations; (5) a description of the criteria and methodology for debarment decisions; and (6) a justification for why repeat offenders, if any, are allowed to continue to participate in the program." 	Drafted – Under Review

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2021	04/27/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	Within 120 days of the date of enactment of this Act, the Department shall report to the Committee on the distribution of visas granted through the H-2B program. The report should contain, but not be limited to, a tabulation of the percent of overall visas issued to the top 15 employers.	Pending
2021	06/25/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	The Committee is concerned about the closure of USCIS international field offices. The Committee recognizes that USCIS international offices provide critical functions for U.S. military personnel, facilitate international adoptions, provide services for refugees and their families, promote family unity, and provide other immigration services, including for U.S. citizens and permanent residents traveling abroad. The Committee directs the agency to report to the Committee within 180 days of the date of enactment of this act on the impact of these closures on: U.S. military personnel and other customers; USCIS operations, including processing backlogs and staff capacity and training; and any additional projected impacts on other agencies including the Department of State.	Pending
2021	06/25/2021	H. Rept. 116-458	The Committee directs USCIS to refrain from imposing fees upon any individual filing a humanitarian petition, including but not limited to a request for asylum; refugee admission; protection under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); Special Immigrant Juvenile status; a T or U visa; or a Special Immigrant Visa for Iraqi and Afghan nationals. USCIS shall also refrain from imposing fees on any individual who receives humanitarian protection and subsequently requests adjustment of status or petitions for another benefit. USCIS is also directed to adjudicate U Visa certification requests within 90 days of submission, and to provide a report not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act that identifies, on a quarterly basis, the average response time for adjudicating U Visa applications for each of the past five fiscal years and	Pending

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2021	04/28/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	<p>Not later than 60 days after the date of submission of the fiscal year 2022 budget request, USCIS shall brief the Committees on a plan to develop an agency-wide workload staffing allocation model that incorporates personnel levels and existing assets and capabilities on USCIS operations. The model should allow USCIS to assess the impact of potential policy changes, vetting procedures, business process improvements, IT modernization, the streamlining of forms, and other factors on its operations and finances to better understand the costs and benefits of such changes prior to execution. It should not assume that duties related to the agency's core mission will be performed by employees detailed from other agencies. The briefing shall also identify current resource gaps; implementation challenges; and any key policy or legislative proposals that would help improve the</p>	Pending

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			agency's ability to become more efficient and reduce backlogs.	
2021	4/25/2021	Joint Explanatory Statement Division F	Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS shall brief the Committees on its efforts to leverage analytic capabilities to better inform workload and fee projections.	Drafted – Under Review
2021	5/26/2021	H.Rept 116-458	<p>Within 90 days of the date of enactment of this Act, USCIS is directed to brief the Committees on its proposed guidelines and requirements for the fiscal year 2021 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, and to consider the recommendations for the program detailed in House Report 116-458.</p> <p>House Report 116-458 states: Grant Guidelines and Requirements. —The Committee is concerned that the guidelines set forth in USCIS’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for fiscal year 2019 imposed unnecessary and overly restrictive conditions on prospective grant recipient organizations. USCIS is directed to provide more flexible consideration to proposals that: (1) provide portions of the English and civics instruction and naturalization assistance in native languages in addition to English; (2) propose the use of personnel with non-traditional qualifications for teaching English as a second language; and (3) are focused on helping individuals prepare and file N-400 applications submitted without an attached G-28 filed by a representative of the grant recipient organization.</p>	Drafted – Under Review

**United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Authorized/Unauthorized Appropriations**

Budget Activity <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Last year of Authorization	Authorized Level	Appropriation in Last Year of Authorization	FY 2021 Enacted
	Fiscal Year	Amount	Amount	Amount
Operations and Support	N/A	\$631,745	\$707,395	\$117,790
Employment Status Verification	2002	\$631,745	\$707,395	\$117,790
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	N/A	\$631,745	\$707,395	\$0
Employment Status Verification-Verification Modernization Investment	2002	\$631,745	\$707,395	\$0
Total Direct Authorization/Appropriation	N/A	\$631,745	\$707,395	\$117,790
Fee Accounts	N/A	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available
Immigration Examinations Fee	1988	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available
H-1B Non-immigrant Petitioner	1998	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available
Fraud Prevention and Detection	2004	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available	Such sums as are available

**United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Proposed Legislative Language**

Operations and Support

For necessary expenses of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for operations and support, *including for [of] the E-Verify Program, [\$117,790,000] application processing, the reduction of backlogs within USCIS asylum, field, and service center offices, and support of the refugee program; \$459,504,000, of which \$87,619,000 shall remain available until September 20, 2023: 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)).*

Language Provision	Explanation
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... <i>of which \$87,619,000 shall remain available until September 20, 2023:</i>	Request two-year funding in the O&S appropriation. This funding provides USCIS with the flexibility to address the high volumes of backlogged cases, which will be a multi-year effort.

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.

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N/A	N/A