



# DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

## Overview

The Department of the Interior (DOI) conserves and manages the Nation’s natural resources and cultural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people, provides scientific and other information to address natural resource and natural hazard challenges, and honors the Nation’s trust responsibilities and commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and affiliated island communities to help them prosper. Departmental Offices provide leadership, management, and coordination activities; deliver services to Interior’s bureaus and offices; and operate unique crosscutting functions that do not logically fit elsewhere. The following programs within Departmental Offices are funded in separate appropriations. The Office of the Secretary (OS) provides executive leadership for the Department through the development of policy, legislation, and the annual budget. The Office of the Solicitor (SOL) provides legal services to the bureaus and offices on behalf of the Secretary. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) reviews Interior activities and conducts audits and investigations.

## Office of the Secretary

### Mission

OS provides the executive-level leadership, policy, guidance, and coordination needed to manage the diverse, complex, and nationally significant programs that are DOI’s responsibilities. OS provides administrative services, such as finance, budget, information resources, acquisition, and human resources. OS also provides Interior’s administrative appeals functions through the Office of Hearings and Appeals and appraises the value of lands

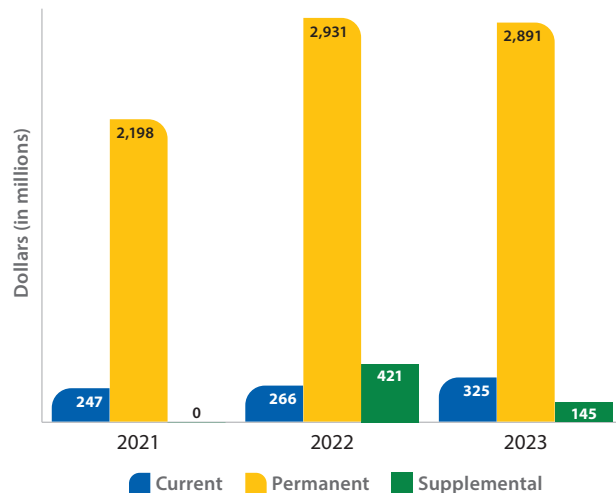
and minerals through the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO).

OS manages eight programs funded in separate accounts and discussed within the Departmentwide Programs chapter in the Bureau Highlights. These programs are the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Central Hazardous Materials Fund, Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration, Wildland Fire Management, Energy Community Revitalization Program, Working Capital Fund, and Interior Franchise Fund.

### Budget Overview

The 2023 budget request for Departmental Operations is \$146.5 million and 883 full-time equivalents (FTEs). The 2023 request for OS builds on the high-priority initiatives proposed in the 2022

## Departmental Offices Funding



budget and maintains Departmental operations, services, and management functions. The 2023 budget continues to propose the transfer of \$1.9 million to the SOL Departmental FOIA Office (DFO) to continue efforts to improve the Department's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) processing quality and capacity and to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements of transparency, accountability, and prompt production.



Secretary Deb Haaland speaking at Yellowstone River on August 13, 2021.

The 2023 budget includes \$9.7 million as part of a Departmentwide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility budget initiative to address identified high-priority needs in support of Executive Order (EO) 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government; EO 13988, Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation; and EO 14035, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce. As part of this initiative, the Department, bureaus, and offices will jointly conduct a review of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility program across Interior to identify gaps, challenges, and best practices and examine Department and bureau roles, responsibilities, and governance. Funding will be used to increase staffing capacity for the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights, Office of Human Capital, and Office of Collaborative Alternative Dispute Resolution; increase equal employment opportunity (EEO) training across the Department; conduct barrier and workforce analyses; automate tracking of EEO and public civil rights complaints and reporting consistent with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines; address EEO adjudication gaps and strengthen Affirmative Employment program management; develop

diversity and recruitment flexibilities; increase classification and compensation analysis capacity; assess hiring programs to improve recruitment results; and increase capacity for alternative dispute resolution and EEO complaint mediation.

The 2023 budget includes \$350,000 to coordinate and support the Department's Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program. Across Interior, the 2023 budget request for eight bureaus and offices (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Geological Survey) includes funding to accelerate the conversion of Interior's fleet to ZEV and provide charging and hydrogen fueling stations to support those vehicles and future ZEVs. This funding will support a position to act as the coordinator for the smaller bureaus and offices and work across Interior and with other agencies to maximize the utility of charging and fueling stations in areas where multiple agencies operate. This funding also supports the installation of charging stations and infrastructure required for the Main Interior Building to support the use of ZEVs.

The 2023 budget request includes \$500,000 to implement the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (Evidence Act) to include general evidence-building support across the Department and bureaus. The positions will support the development of the Departmentwide quadrennial learning agenda and annual evidence development plans and reports, conduct evidence gathering with varied analyses on policy and performance, support foundational factfinding, and support bureau and Departmental offices in planning and designing program evaluations. The budget also includes \$200,000 to accelerate the Department's development and implementation of a Departmentwide Enterprise Risk Management program and implement a systemwide tool for risk identification, measurement, document treatments, assessment of internal risk controls, and enabling of cross-DOI analysis and reporting.

The 2023 budget continues the Department's commitment to provide effective appraisal and mineral evaluation services through AVSO to Indian Country and to support Tribal sovereignty through AVSO's Tribal programs. The budget request includes an increase of \$2.0 million to fund Tribal contracts authorized under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA, or Public Law 93-638) and mineral evaluation work in Indian Country to maintain AVSO's capacity to provide timely appraisal services to non-Tribal Indian land appraisals. The budget also includes \$300,000 to improve AVSO surge capacity and appraisal completion in Indian Country.

The 2023 budget helps to advance several significant management reforms. The budget for Departmental Operations includes an additional \$930,000 to improve the Department's audit response and internal controls, as well as assist bureaus in reducing the backlog of open audit recommendations. The budget proposes to fund four FTEs to improve the Department's management and oversight of Acquisition and Grants programs. These positions will coordinate Made in America requirements and sustainable acquisition practices, support climate change and infrastructure programs, and increase oversight and reporting for the

Department's approximately 300 grants and direct payment programs.

Also included in the request is \$495,000 to increase OS capacity in economic modeling and energy revenue estimation and \$250,000 to improve DOI news and media monitoring and analysis. The budget includes \$230,000 to further support staffing in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization to ensure that the Department complies with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. § 644(k)). The budget also includes additional funds to support the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Indian Arts and Crafts Board regional museums, and information technology security costs.

### **Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs of \$4.7 million are fully funded.

## **Office of the Solicitor**

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### **Mission**

SOL's mission is to provide high-quality legal counsel to the Secretary and to the Department of the Interior's bureaus and offices; support the Department of Justice in representing the Secretary and Interior in Federal, State, and Tribal courts; help resolve legal issues for the bureaus and offices as they fulfill their duties; administer the Department's ethics program and ensure ethical compliance throughout the Department; and manage Interior's FOIA programs.

### **Budget Overview**

The 2023 budget includes \$102.1 million for SOL, estimated to support staffing of 416 FTEs, with an additional 151 FTEs funded by the Department's bureaus and offices. This additional funding supports a total staffing level of 567 FTEs needed to provide legal, ethics, and FOIA services to the Secretary and the Department.

The budget request proposes a funding level of \$72.3 million for SOL's Legal Services activity to support legal work associated with the Department's mission. Within the total for SOL, funding supports an expansion of capacities in advising on legal options for administrative decision making,

responding to congressional oversight and inquiries, and providing expertise on litigation relating to DOI policies and actions; and \$3.4 million is included for completion of critical regional office moves. In addition, the budget request proposes funding the SOL Ethics Office at \$19.8 million and provides \$6.2 million for General Administration activities, to include resources to support the Departmentwide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility initiative.

The 2023 budget requests \$3.8 million for DFO activities and includes a proposed transfer of \$1.9 million from the Office of the Secretary to implement phase two of the DFO. The DFO provides governance, oversight, and operational support to the Department’s component FOIA offices to improve their request-processing quality and capacity and reduce FOIA-related litigation. The budget proposes 2-year availability for SOL appropriations to improve SOL’s ability to manage its operations effectively, especially with regard to managing large one-time costs, such as office moves.

**Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs of \$4.6 million are fully funded.

**Office of Inspector General**

**Mission**

The mission of OIG is to provide independent oversight to promote accountability, integrity, economy, efficiency, and effectiveness within DOI. OIG conducts independent investigations, audits, inspections, and evaluations and reports findings of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement, along with recommendations for improvement.

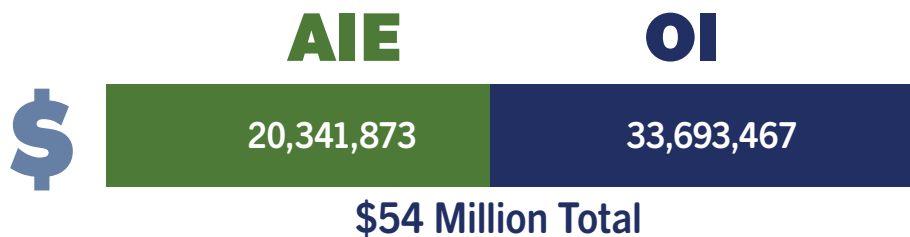
**Budget Overview**

The 2023 budget includes \$76.9 million for the OIG. The Office has four Assistant Inspectors General: one for Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations (AIE); one for the Office of Investigations (OI); one for Strategic Programs; and one for Management. The Inspector General estimates that staffing will total 334 full-time equivalents (FTEs) in 2023. The budget reflects funding for staffing to enable OIG to address key oversight priorities and technology needs. In addition, the 2023 budget will provide the necessary resources to enhance capacity for financial management oversight, target program reviews in significant agency program areas, transform internal operations and enhance technological capabilities, and strengthen OIG’s ability to prevent, detect, and identify risks and potential fraud in DOI’s energy, mineral, and revenue collections programs.

**Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs of \$2.2 million are fully funded.

**In FY 2021, OIG identified almost \$54 million in wasted and defrauded funds.**





## **SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS** <sup>1/, 2/</sup>

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### **Comparison of 2023 Request with 2022 CR**

	2022 CR		2023 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Current</b>						
Office of the Secretary—Departmental Operations .....	417	455,923	465	287,820	+48	-168,103
Office of the Solicitor .....	386	86,813	416	102,050	+30	+15,237
Office of Inspector General .....	258	144,244	322	80,159	+64	-64,085
Subtotal, Current .....	1,061	686,980	1,203	470,029	+142	-216,951
<b>Permanent</b>						
Salaries and Expenses, Departmental Management, from the Land and Water Conservation Fund .....	80	17,917	80	19,000	0	+1,083
Indian Arts and Crafts Fund .....	0	20	0	20	0	0
Take Pride in America, Gifts and Bequests .....	0	5	0	5	0	0
Mineral Leasing and Associated Payments .....	0	2,582,830	0	2,438,274	0	-144,556
Payments to Oklahoma .....	0	10	0	10	0	0
Payments to Alaska, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge .....	0	470	0	2,064	0	+1,594
National Forest Fund, Payments to States .....	0	8,787	0	8,486	0	-301
Leases of Lands Acquired for Flood Control, Navigation, and Allied Purposes .....	0	42,945	0	39,194	0	-3,751
National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska .....	0	20,886	0	24,789	0	+3,903
Geothermal Lease Revenues, Payments to Counties .....	0	4,605	0	4,706	0	+101
States Share from Certain Gulf of Mexico Leases .....	0	252,673	0	354,118	0	+101,445
Subtotal, Permanent .....	80	2,931,148	80	2,890,666	0	-40,482
<b>Allocation and Reimbursable</b>						
Allocation—Office of the Secretary .....	50	0	50	0	0	0
Allocation—Office of the Solicitor .....	42	0	52	0	+10	0
Reimbursable—Office of the Secretary .....	283	0	288	0	+5	0
Reimbursable—Office of the Solicitor .....	99	0	99	0	0	0
Reimbursable—Office of Inspector General .....	15	0	12	0	-3	0
Subtotal, Allocation and Reimbursable .....	489	0	501	0	+12	0
<b>TOTAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES</b> .....	<b>1,630</b>	<b>3,618,128</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>3,360,695</b>	<b>+154</b>	<b>-257,433</b>
National Indian Gaming Commission .....	129	20,986	129	24,763	0	+3,777

<sup>1/</sup> Current funding amounts include supplemental appropriations and transfers. For further details see Highlights of Budget Changes tables for each account.

<sup>2/</sup> Amounts in 2022 and 2023 reflect corrections from the 2023 President's Budget Appendix.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES**

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

### **APPROPRIATION: Office of the Secretary—Departmental Operations**

	2021 Actual	2022 CR	2023 Request	Change
Leadership and Administration .....	100,333	100,333	121,740	+21,407
Management Services .....	20,275	20,275	24,790	+4,515
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o supplementals, rescission, and transfers) .....	120,608	120,608	146,530	+25,922
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	+337,000	+142,000	-195,000
Rescission of Prior-Year BA .....	-17,398	0	0	0
Transfer to OIG (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	-1,685	-710	+975
Other Transfer .....	-1,942	0	0	0
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ supplementals, rescission, and transfers) .....	101,268	455,923	287,820	-168,103

### **APPROPRIATION: Office of the Solicitor**

	2021 Actual	2022 CR	2023 Request	Change
Legal Services .....	59,765	59,765	72,332	+12,567
General Administration .....	5,713	5,713	6,186	+473
Ethics Office .....	19,475	19,475	19,781	+306
FOIA Office .....	1,860	1,860	3,751	+1,891
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	86,813	86,813	102,050	+15,237

### **APPROPRIATION: Office of Inspector General**

	2021 Actual	2022 CR	2023 Request	Change
Audits, Evaluations, and Investigations .....	58,552	58,552	76,870	+18,318
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o transfers) .....	58,552	58,552	76,870	+18,318
Transfers from Bureaus and Offices (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	+85,692	+3,289	-82,403
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ transfers) .....	58,552	144,244	80,159	-64,085