

Venice AI on DHS Funding, February 4, 2026

LIV Question: What was the DHS budget in the Big Beautiful Bill.

Venice: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) received a massive multi-year funding package through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).^{1,2} The final enacted law provided approximately \$191.02 billion for DHS.⁶ This funding is designed to be spent over several years, primarily through fiscal year 2029.^{2,4}

This supplemental funding is in addition to the department's regular annual appropriations. For context, the standard FY 2026 discretionary budget request for DHS was \$63.7 billion.²

The OBBBA funding is heavily focused on immigration and border security. Key allocations include:

- Approximately \$75 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

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- \$50 billion for the border wall and related security technologies.⁴
- \$45 billion for the construction of new immigration detention centers.⁴
- \$8 billion for ICE to hire 10,000 new officers through 2029.⁴

A significant feature of this funding is that it allows ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue their operations during a lapse in annual appropriations, while other DHS components like FEMA, TSA, and the Coast Guard would be forced to shut down or work without pay.¹

3 Citations

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BILL SUMMARY: Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Bill

www.appropriations.senate.gov

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What's in the Big Beautiful Bill? Immigration & Border Security Unpacked - American Immigration Council

www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org

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Appropriations Bills on ICE - Taxpayers for Common Sense

www.taxpayer.net