

\$50,523,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$80,000,000 is designated as emergency.

#### Employment Eligibility Verification/E-Verify

The Committees on Appropriations provide \$60,000,000 for the Employment Eligibility Verification program, which USCIS has renamed E-Verify, instead of \$30,000,000 provided by both the House and the Senate. This system allows employers to check government databases and verify the employment status of job applicants.

#### FBI Background Check Backlog

The Committees on Appropriations provide \$20,000,000 for reduction of the FBI name check backlog as proposed by the Senate and instead of no funding proposed by the House. The Director of USCIS is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations on plans to eliminate the backlog of FBI name checks, as discussed in the Senate report.

#### Benefit Parole Programs Transfer

The Committees on Appropriations provide \$523,000 for USCIS to transfer the Cuban-Haitian Entrant Program, the Moscow Refugee Program, and the Humanitarian Parole Program from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to USCIS, as proposed by the Senate and requested by the Department. The House did not transfer these programs. The Director of USCIS is directed to brief the Committees on Appropriations on the number of individuals serviced by these programs and the long-term outlook for these programs.

#### Immigration Services

The Committees on Appropriations direct USCIS to expand its immigration services programs, prioritizing areas that have large populations of underserved immigrant populations, as discussed in the House report. The Committees on Appropriations provide \$450,000 for this purpose, of which \$150,000 shall be allocated to the Citizens Advice Bureau Immigrant Assistance Project and \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Bronx Project, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights.

#### Fee-Funded Programs

Current estimates of fee collections, which constitute the majority of USCIS resources, are \$2,538,872,000. These revenues will support adjudication of applications for immigration benefits and fraud prevention activities, and are derived from fees collected from persons applying for immigration benefits. The Committees on Appropriations direct USCIS to allocate these fees as shown in the table presented in the Senate report and direct that no more than \$10,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.