



## Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC)

### FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2014 Enacted:	\$2.1 million (11 positions; 4 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$344,000
Program Changes:	-\$118,000
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$2.3 million (11 positions; 4 attorneys)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$226,000 (+10.8%)

#### Mission:

The principal mission of the FCSC is to adjudicate claims of U.S. nationals against foreign governments, exercising jurisdiction conferred by the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, and other authorizing legislation.

#### Organization:

The FCSC consists of a Chairman and two part-time Commissioners who are all appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

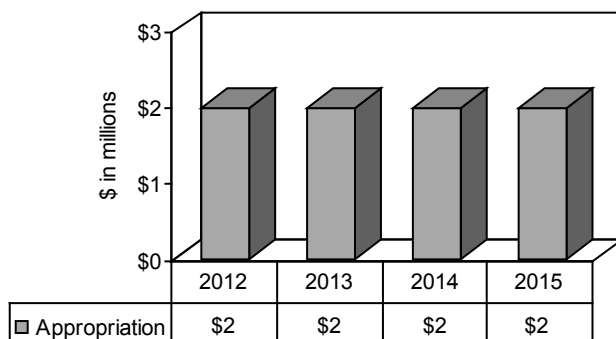
#### Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for FCSC totals \$2.3 million, which is a 10.8% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

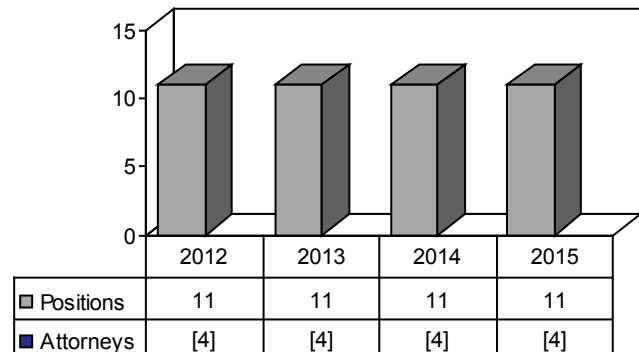
#### Personnel:

The FCSC's direct positions for FY 2015 total 11 positions and is the same as FY 2014 Enacted.

**Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)**



**Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)**



## **FY 2015 Strategy:**

In FY 2015, the Commission plans to continue its administration of the Libya Claims Program. This program resulted from the President's Executive Order 13477 dated October 31, 2008, implementing the U.S.-Libya Claims Settlement Agreement of August 14, 2008, as well as the Libyan Claims Resolution Act (LCRA), passed by Congress and signed into law on August 4, 2008. Pursuant to this Agreement and the LCRA, the government of Libya paid \$1.5 billion to the United States in order to provide immediate and fair compensation to U.S. nationals with terrorism-related claims against Libya.

In FY 2015, the Commission also plans to continue its administration of the Iraq Claims Program. On June 21, 2011, the Department of State issued a press release announcing a settlement with the Government of Iraq in the amount of \$400 million to provide compensation for American nationals who were prisoners of war, hostages, or human shields during the first Gulf War, and for U.S. servicemen who were injured in the 1987 attack on the USS Stark. On November 14, 2012, pursuant to its authority under 22 U.S.C. § 1623 (a)(1)(C), the Department of State referred a category of claims within the scope of the Iraq Claims Settlement Agreement to the Commission for adjudication and certification. The Commission is currently adjudicating claims under this referral.

Furthermore, the Commission will continue to have authority under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, and the 1995 United States-Albanian claims settlement agreement, to make awards in any additional claims against Albania that are filed. In addition, when appropriate, the Commission will continue to reopen and reconsider claims it had previously denied, taking into account the modification of the Albanian claims settlement agreement effected in 2006.

Additionally, the Commission will research and respond to requests for information concerning properties expropriated by the Castro regime in Cuba, in support of the Department of State's continuing implementation of Title IV of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (the "Helms-Burton Act"). The Commission continues to maintain and update a computerized database of some 13,000 records containing specific information on all of the claims adjudicated in its Cuban Claims Program. This database enables the Commission to respond more quickly and accurately to requests for information from the State Department and the general public.

Moreover, under the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, the Commission will also continue to have authority to award compensation to any previously uncompensated American servicemen held as prisoners of war in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict, or their survivors, for inadequate rations and inhumane treatment while in captivity.

In addition, the Commission will continue to furnish information contained in its records pertaining to the 45 completed international and war related claims programs it has conducted, as requested by claimants, their heirs, attorneys, researchers, and other members of the public. It will also provide to other U.S. agencies technical advice on their policy determinations, participate in preliminary planning and evaluation of pending claims legislation, and coordinate with Congressional committees considering legislation for adjudication of additional types of claims.

## **FY 2015 Program Changes:**

**Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions:** -\$118,000 and 0 positions  
Reductions to existing operations and services necessary to pay for increases in existing costs, including pay raises, FERS contributions, and GSA rent, among others. Program and administrative reductions to be identified once funds are appropriated.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
<b>2013 Appropriation</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2013 Rescissions (0.1 % & 0.032%)	0	0	-3
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-101
<b>2013 Enacted with Rescissions and Sequester</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,896</b>
<b>2014 Enacted</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,100</b>
<b>2015 Request</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,326</b>
<b>Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	44
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	300
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>2015 Current Services</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,444</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions	0	0	-118
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-118</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-118</b>
<b>2015 Request</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,326</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	11	8	2,100	11	8	2,444
<b>Total</b>	11	8	2,100	11	8	2,444
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	11	8	2,100	11	8	2,444

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Total Program Changes			2015 Request		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	0	0	-118	11	8	2,326
<b>Total</b>	0	0	-118	11	8	2,326
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	-118	11	8	2,326