



Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC)

FY 2025 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	\$2.5 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$152,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2025 Budget Request:	\$2.7 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Change From FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	+\$152,000 (+6.1%)

Mission:

The mission of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (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.

Resources:

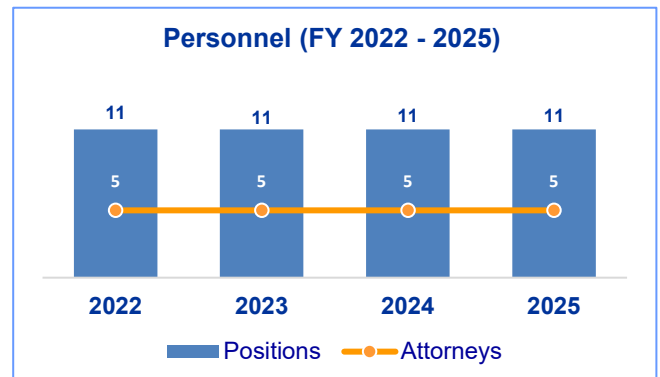
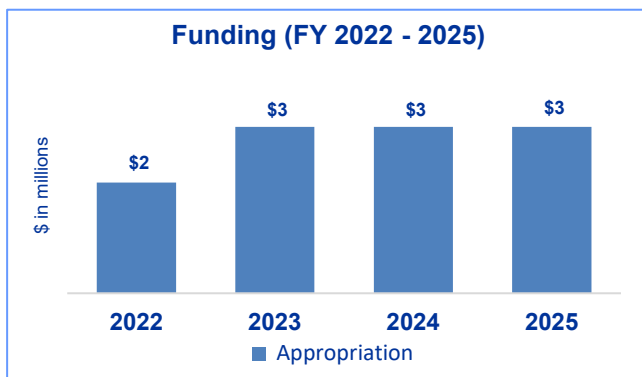
The FY 2025 budget request for the FCSC totals \$2.7 million, which is a 6.1 percent increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution.

Organization:

The FCSC consists of a Chairman and two part-time Commissioners who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. They are aided by eight support staff.

Personnel:

The FCSC's direct authorized positions for FY 2025 total 11 positions and are the same as the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution.



FY 2025 Strategy:

In FY 2025, 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. The Commission will then reconsider claims it had previously denied, accounting for the modification of the Albanian Claims Settlement Agreement effected in 2006.

In addition, the Commission acts as Special Master under Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996. Title III authorizes U.S. nationals whose property was seized by the Castro regime to file Federal court actions against foreign entities engaging in “trafficking” of these properties. Under this Title, the United States District Courts are authorized to appoint the Commission as Special Master to adjudicate on matters such as property ownership and its value, assisting in legal proceedings.

The Commission will also research and provide responses for information concerning properties taken by the Castro regime in Cuba, aiding the Department of State’s continuing implementation of Title IV of LIBERTAD. The Commission maintains an updated database of approximately 13,000 records, detailing claims adjudicated in its Cuban Claims Program. This database enables the Commission to respond promptly to information requests from the State Department and the general public.

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.

Finally, the Commission will supply information about the 52 international and war-related claims programs it has conducted, as requested by claimants, their heirs, attorneys, researchers, and the general public. It will also provide technical advice to other U.S. agencies 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 2025 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for the FCSC. No program changes are requested.

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2023 Appropriation	11	7	2,504
2024 Continuing Resolution	11	9	2,504
2025 Request	11	9	2,656
Change 2025 from 2024 Continuing Resolution	0	0	152
Technical Adjustments			
Additional Amount for 2024 Pay Raise	0	0	96
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	96
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	56
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	56
2025 Current Services	11	9	2,656
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2025 Request	11	9	2,656

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Comparison by activity and program	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	11	9	2,504	11	9	2,656
Total	11	9	2,504	11	9	2,656

Comparison by activity and program	2025 Total Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	0	0	0	11	9	2,656
Total	0	0	0	11	9	2,656