



## Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC)

### FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2020 Enacted:	\$2.3 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$31,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$2.4 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$31,000 (+1.3%)

#### 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, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, Pub. L. 114-328, tit. XVII, 130 Stat. 2642 (2016), and other authorizing legislation.

#### Resources:

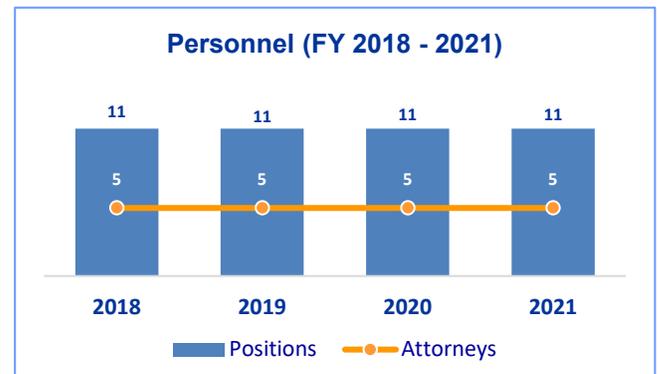
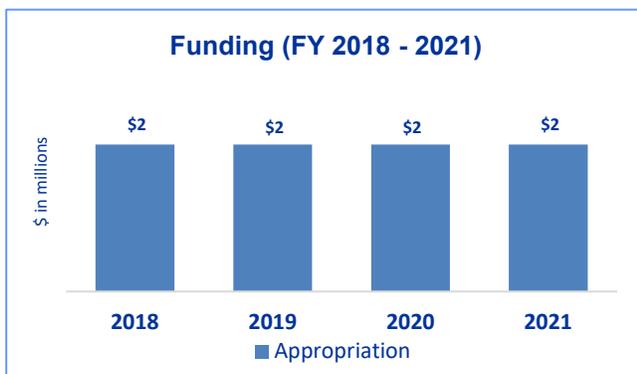
The FY 2021 budget request for FCSC totals \$2.4 million, which is a 1.3 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

#### Organization:

The FCSC consists of a Chairman and two part-time Commissioners who are all 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 2021 total 11 positions and are the same as FY 2020 Enacted.



## **FY 2021 Strategy:**

In FY 2021, the Commission plans to continue its administration of the Guam Claims Program. The Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, Title XVII, Pub. L. No. 114-328, 130 Stat. 2000, 2641-2647 (2016) (the "Guam Loyalty Recognition Act" or "Act") was signed into law on December 23, 2016. The Act authorizes the Commission to adjudicate claims and determine the eligibility of individuals for payments under the Act, in recognition of harms suffered by residents of Guam as a result of the occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military forces during World War II.

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.

In addition, the Commission will continue to have authority under Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, to act as Special Master. Title III authorizes U.S. nationals whose property in Cuba was confiscated by the Castro regime to bring federal court actions against foreign entities "trafficking" in those properties. Under this Title, the United States District Courts are authorized to appoint the Commission as Special Master to make determinations on issues such as ownership and valuation of property for use in court actions.

Moreover, 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 LIBERTAD. 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.

Also, 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 continue to furnish information contained in its records pertaining to the 49 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 2021 Program Changes:**

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

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2019 Appropriation</b>	11	7	2,409
<b>2020 Enacted</b>	11	9	2,335
<b>2021 Request</b>	11	9	2,366
<b>Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted</b>	0	0	31
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	0	0	0
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	31
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	0	0	31
<b>2021 Current Services</b>	11	9	2,366
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	0	0	0
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	0	0	0
<b>2021 Request</b>	11	9	2,366

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Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	11	9	2,335	11	9	2,366
<b>Total</b>	11	9	2,335	11	9	2,366

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims				11	9	2,366
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	11	9	2,366