



## Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC)

### FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2016 Enacted:	\$2.4 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$35,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$2.4 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$35,000 (+1.5%)

#### 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.

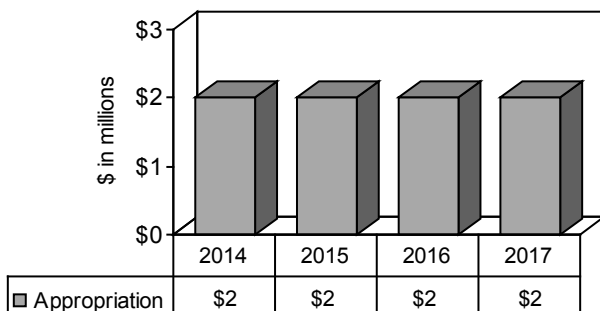
#### Resources:

The FY 2017 budget request for FCSC totals \$2.4 million, which is a 1.5% increase over the FY 2016 Enacted.

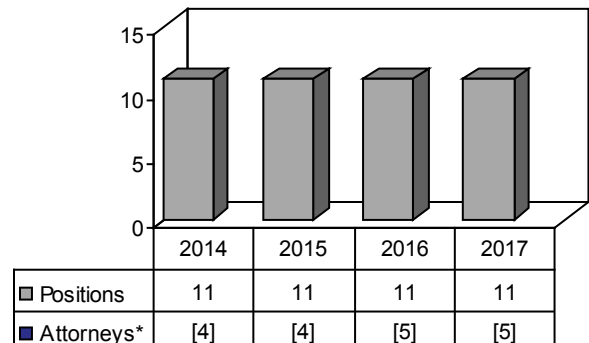
#### Personnel:

The FCSC's direct positions for FY 2017 total 11 positions and are the same as FY 2016 Enacted.

**Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)**



**Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)**



## **FY 2017 Strategy:**

In FY 2017, 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.

The Commission also plans to continue to adjudicate claims in its Iraq Claims Programs. 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.

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 and to reopen and reconsider claims it had previously denied as appropriate.

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 will 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.

Under the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, the Commission will 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 furnish information contained in its records pertaining to the 47 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 2017 Program Changes:**

The budget request 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>2015 Appropriation</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,326</b>
<b>2016 Enacted</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,374</b>
<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,409</b>
<b>Change 2017 from 2016 Enacted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</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	1	16
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	19
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>2017 Current Services</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,409</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>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,409</b>

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Enacted			2017 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	11	9	2,374	11	10	2,409
<b>Total</b>	11	9	2,374	11	10	2,409
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	11	9	2,374	11	10	2,409

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Total Program Changes			2017 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	0	0	0	11	10	2,409
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	11	10	2,409
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	0	11	10	2,409