



Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2023 Enacted:	\$2.5 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$106,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$2.6 million (11 positions; 5 attorneys)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$106,000 (+4.2%)

Mission:

The principal 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:

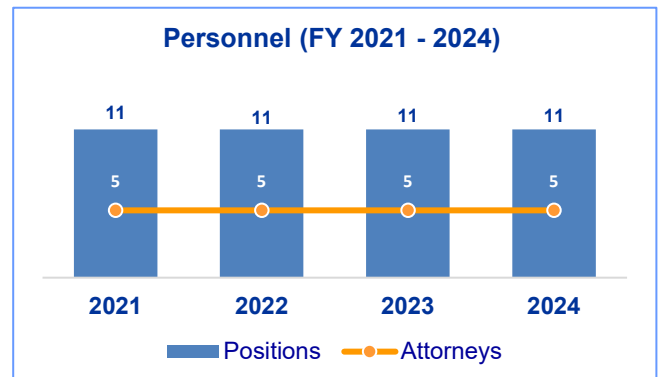
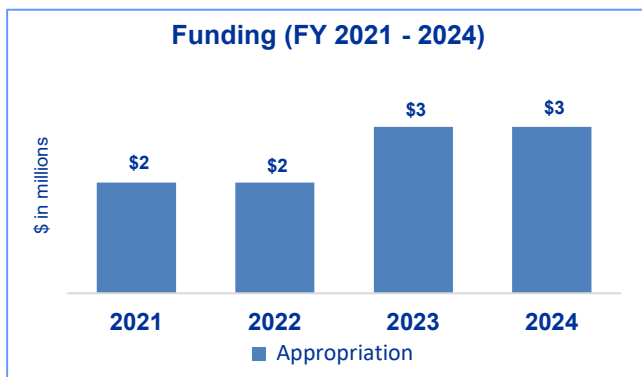
The FY 2024 budget request for FCSC totals \$2.6 million, which is a 4.2 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

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 2024 total 11 positions equal to the FY 2023 Enacted.



FY 2024 Strategy:

In FY 2024, the FCSC 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 FCSC 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 FCSC 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 FCSC as Special Master to make determinations on issues such as ownership and valuation of property for use in court actions.

Furthermore, the FCSC 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 FCSC continues to maintain and update a computerized database of some 13,000 records containing specific information on all the claims adjudicated in its Cuban Claims Program. This database enables the FCSC to respond more quickly and accurately to requests for information from the State Department and the public.

Moreover, under the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, the FCSC 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 FCSC will continue to furnish information contained in its records pertaining to the 52 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 2024 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
2022 Appropriation	11	7	2,434
2023 Enacted	11	9	2,504
2024 Request	11	9	2,610
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	0	0	106
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	106
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	106
2024 Current Services	11	9	2,610
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2024 Request	11	9	2,610

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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	11	9	2,504	11	9	2,610
Total	11	9	2,504	11	9	2,610

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Foreign Claims	0	0	0	11	9	2,610
Total	0	0	0	11	9	2,610