

EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
Funds	500	500	500

Program Description

The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program (EEF) was created in 1953 to honor President Eisenhower. The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-454) authorized a permanent endowment and trust fund for the program.

The 1992 Department of State and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provided \$5 million to establish the permanent endowment and authorized the interest and earnings to Eisenhower Exchanges Fellowships, Inc. The FY 1995 Department of State and Related Agencies Appropriations Act made an additional payment of \$2.5 million to the endowment.

The program brings outstanding professionals who are rising leaders in their countries to the United States and sends American counterparts abroad with a custom-designed program for each participant. EEF consists of these major components:

- Multi Nation Program – Provides two-month U.S. fellowships for 20 – 22 Eisenhower Fellows from the same number of countries;
- Single Region or Common Interest Program – Provides two-month U.S. fellowships for 20 to 22 fellows representing a range of professions from a single geographic region or profession;
- USA Program – Sends 10 to 12 Americans abroad, for one to two months, to countries where their fields can be enriched by persons, organizations, and institutions encountered; and
- Eisenhower Fellowships Network – Links alumni Fellows worldwide, enabling fellows to collaborate on projects, extend and strengthen relationships, and develop international links. Approximately 1,800 men and women from over 100 countries have joined the ranks of Eisenhower Fellows since 1953, a significant percentage of whom remain actively engaged in the Eisenhower Fellowships Network.

EEF strengthens democratic development, opens markets, and increases global understanding by creating opportunities for emerging U.S. and foreign leaders to experience each other's societies and cultures directly and to work together on an ongoing basis in the interests of a more prosperous, just, and peaceful world.

Justification of Request

The FY 2012 request seeks appropriation authority to spend \$500,000 in estimated interest earnings of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund. The funding will be applied to:

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- Providing learning and networking opportunities for mid-career international and U.S. leaders in preparation for increasingly senior positions in government, business, and NGOs;
- Exposing these emerging leaders to best practices in building democratic institutions and free markets; and
- Advancing peace through the increased international dialogue, understanding, and collaboration that result from the fellowships and from an active global alumni leadership network.

Funds by Object Class (\$ in thousands)

	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
4100 Grants, Subsidies & Contrb	500	500	500
Total	500	500	500