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Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov> Saturday, June 13, 2009 2:41 PM H Mills, Cheryl D Fw: Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation

Per your request about ambassadors fund - pat responded yesterday.

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From: Kennedy, Patrick F To: Mills, Cheryl D Cc: Toiv, Nora F Sent: Fri Jun 12 15:22:15 2009 Subject: FW: Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation

**Mission** The U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, funded through the Diplomatic and Consular Program appropriation, was established in FY 2001. The Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation provides direct small grant support to heritage preservation in developing countries, demonstrating U.S. respect for other cultures.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs administers the program awarding grants managed by U.S. Embassies in eligible countries. Grants have ranged from \$5,000 to \$978,705. To date, the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation has supported more than 500 projects worldwide, totaling \$11.5 million. Funded projects include technical support for the preservation of historic buildings and sites, museum collections and forms of traditional cultural expression.

**Priorities** In FY 2008, U.S. Ambassadors in 94 of the 132 eligible countries in the developing world responded to the call for proposals of projects supporting cultural preservation. A total of \$4,731,431 was distributed in awards of grants in 72 countries and \$228,000 was spent on administrative costs.