

Department of State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Request FY2011

Member: Lindsey O. Graham
Project Title: Assistance for Rule of Law
Intended Recipient: Rule of Law Coordinator, US Embassy, Kabul & Baghdad

Description: Rule of law is a cornerstone in the stability operations our military is executing in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is one of the key areas in which multiple government agencies and non-governmental agencies seek to develop policy and strategy in pursuit of the same goal. Yet despite the wide recognition of the importance of rule of law, there is no single mechanism or location for facilitating training and collaboration. This funding will allow the Rule of Law Coordinator to administer funds to help address this issue.

Requested Language:

assistance for rule of law

Sec. 1115. (a) Findings-

(2) Since 2005, the United States Department of State has provided more than \$1 billion for rule of law and governance;

(b) Report- Not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs detailing-

(1) a spending plan for the proposed uses of funds appropriated in this title under the headings 'Economic Support Fund' and 'International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement' that are available for assistance for Rule of law including amounts, the purposes for which funds are to be made available, and intended results;

(2) details of the degree to which the spending supports the approved rule of law plans signed by the ambassador of the country concerned;

(3) the actions being taken by the United States Departments to support rule of law relating to such assistance;

(4) the metrics for measuring progress in achieving such results; and

(5) the mechanisms for monitoring such funds.

Member: Lindsey O Graham
Project Title: Rule of Law at the University of South Carolina
Intended Recipient: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Description:

Rule of law is a cornerstone in the stability operations our military is executing in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is one of the key areas in which multiple government agencies and non-governmental agencies seek to develop policy and strategy in pursuit of the same goal. Yet despite the wide recognition of the importance of rule of law, there is no central location within the United States where all of these participants come together to gain understanding and prepare themselves for this unique mission. In an effort to address this, the University of South Carolina has identified this as priority and proposes to provide support to US attorneys from the Department of Justice, lawyers hired through the Department of State and US military attorneys from the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps. In addition to the federal agencies, a variety of private organizations will be involved, including the American Bar Association and the ABA's World Justice Project. This proposal will help develop the resources to address this gap in our nation's support to the war effort.

Requested Language:

The Committee commends the University of South Carolina for facilitating rule of law development and encourages USAID to work with the University in this initiative.