

U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation



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WHAT AFCP SUPPORTS

The Ambassadors Fund supports projects to preserve a wide range of cultural heritage, including:

Historic buildings and archaeological sites

Cultural objects, such as archaeological and ethnographic objects, paintings, and manuscripts

Indigenous languages and other forms of traditional cultural expression

The U.S. Congress established the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) in 2000 to show American respect for other cultures. Ambassadors Fund projects support post-disaster and post-conflict recovery, create economic opportunities, and build mutual understanding. The program reflects American values and demonstrates U.S. friendship.



Cultural preservation offers an opportunity to show a different American face to other countries. By taking a leading role in efforts to preserve cultural heritage, we show our respect for other cultures.”

- 106th Congress of the United States

HOW IT WORKS

Each year, the Cultural Heritage Center (CHC) invites U.S. ambassadors in eligible countries to submit proposals for cultural heritage preservation projects of museums, ministries of culture, NGOs, or other organizations. The CHC coordinates a competitive review of proposals. Funding opportunities are announced in the fall, and awards are announced in the summer.

In 2020, the Ambassadors Fund awarded 40 grants for projects to preserve cultural heritage in 35 developing countries. The program has supported more than 1,000 projects worldwide.



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