

The Challenge

Sectarian confrontation within Northern Ireland or, more commonly, isolation or voluntary segregation between the unionist and nationalist communities remains a challenge to building a diverse society founded on tolerance, equal rights, and a commitment to nonviolent political means for the common good. Support for cross-community reconciliation has been the focus of U.S. assistance to Northern Ireland and the six border counties of the Republic of Ireland (Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, and Louth) since the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. The U.S. Government makes a significant contribution to the peace process through its support of the International Fund for Ireland.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

MCA Status: Not a Candidate

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: N/A

Deputy Assistant Administrator: Thomas Mefford

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
190-0410 International Fund for Ireland	18,391	18,352	13,365	0	N/A		0.00
Transfer to Other US Government Agency	3,479	3,472	3,465	3,500	0.6%		
Country Total	21,870	21,824	16,830	3,500	-84.0%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Economic Support Fund	21,870	21,824	16,830	3,500	-84.0%
Total	21,870	21,824	16,830	3,500	-84.0%

Program Budget by Sector and Account	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance ESF	21,870	21,824	16,830	3,500	-84.0%
Total	21,870	21,824	16,830	3,500	-84.0%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Canada

Multilateral: European Union