

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Russia
<b>Program Title:</b>	Cross-Cutting Programs
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	118-0420
<b>Status:</b>	Program Support Objective
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$11,750,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$3,145,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$6,820,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	1999
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2012

**Summary:** USAID's cross-cutting programs include financial support for the Eurasia Foundation's projects in civil society, support for the Community Connections program, and program monitoring, evaluations, and surveys.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Community Connections (\$2,000,000 FSA, \$2,500,000 FSA carryover). As a part of the overall participant training program, USAID will implement a Community Connections project. The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections project is to contribute to economic and democratic reform, and to promote mutual understanding in Eurasia through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. Through local community host organizations in the United States, men and women entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, civil society organizations leaders, and other professionals from Russia will be provided with a three to five week training program in the United States, tailored to their professional or business interests. Principal contractor/grantee: to be determined (TBD).

Eurasia Foundation (\$8,000,000 FSA). The New Eurasia Foundation (NEF) was established in 2004 as a successor to the Eurasia Foundation. As a unique partnership among foundations in Russia, the United States, and Europe, NEF seeks to preserve and strengthen civil society in Russia and promote the country's integration into the world community. Expanding on the experience of the Eurasia Foundation, NEF will support primarily young Russian citizen leaders and opinion makers to make a difference in their communities by utilizing the most innovative of Russian and international experience and resources. In so doing, NEF will seek to support civil society in Russia, while also forging and deepening ties among Russia, the United States, and Europe through various programs and grants. While NEF continues many of the Eurasia Foundation's programs, there will be more focus on selected regions of Russia where a greater impact can be achieved through cross-sector development assistance and grant-making and where local administrations show particular interest. NEF strives to develop a civil society based on pluralism, trust, and cooperation between different societal groups and institutions. These goals will be achieved through the creation, strengthening, and consolidation of the third sector in Russia, and piloting new models of citizen activism and participation, from NGO resource centers to community schools. NEF is also committed to democratization of administration processes and building up public administration mechanisms at the regional and municipal levels. The target groups are regional authorities, local governments, and civil society institutions in the regions, especially youth and professional associations. Principal grantee: NEF.

Special Initiatives (\$450,000 FSA). USAID will support the Russian American Pacific Partnership Program (RAPP) to develop opportunities for regional cooperation between the Russian Far East and the U.S. West Coast through public and private participation. In addition, USAID will continue to support the Sakhalin Island American Business Center's advisory services to foster investment in Sakhalin small and medium enterprises. Principal grantee: Foundation for Russian-American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC) (prime).

Program Development and Support (\$1,300,000 FSA, \$324,000 FSA carryover, \$321,000 FSA prior year

recoveries). USAID will continue to support the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Survey (RLMS), to collect high quality household survey data covering economic and social conditions. Evaluations, assessments, and studies will assess and document program impact, identify implementation issues, make recommendations for their resolution, and improve understanding of Russia's development challenges. Principal contractors/grantees: University of North Carolina (UNC) (prime), TBD.

**FY 2006 Program:** Community Connections (\$1,170,000 FSA). USAID intends to continue support for the goals of the Community Connections program. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD.

Eurasia Foundation (\$5,000,000 FSA). The NEF will continue to serve as the legacy institution for Eurasia Foundation and will inherit all of its programs. Same implementer as above.

Program Development and Support (\$650,000 FSA). USAID plans to conduct studies, assessments, and related activities for program design and evaluation. Same implementers as above.

**Performance and Results:** With USAID funding, the Eurasia Foundation (EF) supported the creation and establishment of a number of mechanisms to support the growth of small business, civil society, and independent media in FY 2004. The Eurasia Foundation completed and evaluated its program with Yukos Oil Company, which resulted in the creation of 300 new small businesses and 500 new jobs in remote oil cities in Siberia. Unfortunately, the Russian government's dismantling of this company threatens an expansion of this successful effort. In FY 2004, the Eurasia Foundation also launched a partnership with Siberian-Ural Aluminum (SUAL)-Holding to support small and medium enterprise (SME) development in two cities in the Sverdlovsk region. Concurrently, USAID formalized the USAID-SUAL Global Development Alliance, where the EF is also playing a key role implementing SME development programs. In civil society, the EF continued its work to support the growth and strengthening of Russian philanthropy. With partial funding from the Hewlett Foundation, the EF conducted training sessions and high level meetings for wealthy Russians as well as managers of major Russian companies. In addition, the EF continued to support the development of socially active schools in several regions of the Russian Federation. In independent media, the Eurasia Foundation, with partial funding from the British government, began a highly focused program to provide consulting and training services to independent regional newspapers in small Russian cities. In addition, together with the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX), the EF's media program ran a first-ever competition for newspaper designers that attracted the participation of more than 100 newspapers from across Russia. In the Russian Far East, the EF continued to support youth and volunteer initiatives, and initiated a new program to establish career centers at a number of universities in Russia.

In FY 2004, the EF made major progress in its Russianization strategy in Russia. In June, the NEF, a Russian foundation, established jointly by the EF, the Dynasty Foundation (Moscow) and the Madariaga European Foundation (Brussels), was registered in Moscow. As a part of this process, the NEF established financial and managerial systems, recruited staff and began operations in late, 2004. The EF is ceasing its grant-making activities in Russia and will instead channel remaining USAID funds to the NEF.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Russia

118-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	<b>ESF</b>	<b>FSA</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		

Obligations	2,991	157,123
Expenditures	2,991	146,702
Unliquidated	0	10,421
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	0	12,511
Expenditures	0	13,649
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,991	169,634
Expenditures	2,991	160,351
Unliquidated	0	9,283
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	3,145
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	11,750
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	14,895
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	6,820
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	2,991	191,349