

FY2011 Department of State and Foreign Operations

Federal Funding Requests

Senator Charles E. Schumer

Lower Manhattan Arts Leaders; New York, NY; \$1,000,000

Funds would be used to support the programs of ten vibrant mid-sized cultural groups' international cultural exchange programs in 56 countries and their guest artists from 30 countries to retain these programs and the jobs they create.

This project is in the interest of the taxpayer because it would contribute to increased international cultural diplomacy immediately and cost-effectively, by bolstering existing international exchange programs that have been created directly between our international cultural partners. These federal expenditures would automatically be leveraged by existing funding streams that these partnerships and programs already have in place. In addition support of this international exchange activity would preserve jobs in the cultural sector and help us create new support jobs.

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; Baltimore, MD; \$10,000,000

The Sickle Cell Disease Global Support Initiative supports enhanced SCDA partnership with the federal government to provide essential care to SCD patients throughout the world.

The proposed SCD Global Support Initiative would enable cooperative participation of numerous federal agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services (CDC, HRSA, etc.), the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of State (USAID). In so doing, it will ensure that all relevant federal partners work in concert with national SCD organizations and local partners.