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## **Request for preparatory funds for the Independent Evaluation of the CIFs**

To the Trust Fund Committees:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Oversight Committee for the CIF Evaluation (the EOC) in order to request funds to proceed with the preparation of the Evaluation. In accordance with the Joint Trust Fund Committees decision last May, preparation for the Evaluation is well underway. A draft approach paper has been developed and has been posted on a purpose-built website for public comment ([cifevaluation.org](http://cifevaluation.org)). Meanwhile, we are requesting \$55,000 to fund anticipated preparation costs by the EOC through the award of the contract to the consulting firm. A breakdown of costs is as follows:

\$24000 for participation of the four EOC members (= 4\*\$6000) outside the IEG secretariat in contributing to review of public comments, revision of the approach paper and preparation of the budget; assisting in shortlisting ; advising on proposal evaluation and on the composition of the International Reference Group.

\$26700 for staff time of IEG's members on the EOC. This is to cover the website-based consultation process, review of public comments, revision of the approach paper, preparation of the Evaluation budget, management of the contracting process, and EOC coordination. IEG's secretariat will not bill for administrative support costs.

\$ 1800 for webhosting of [cifevaluation.org](http://cifevaluation.org). A new site has been created to emphasize the independence of the evaluation.

\$2500 for contingencies.

The subsequent overall Evaluation budget will include an allocation of funds for Oversight and Reference Group operations during the entire conduct of the Evaluation, including participation in the Istanbul meetings.

For your information, IEG alone has already absorbed (but is not billing) \$55,000 in costs related to this Evaluation during the fiscal year that concluded June 30. We look forward to your early approval of this request.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Chomitz, chair  
Evaluation Oversight Committee