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| **Proposal Title** | Engage Cuba | | |
| **Reserve Fund** | President/Chairman’s Reserve | | |
| **Amount Requested** | 1,000,000 | | |
| **Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)** |  | | |
| **Background (Optional)** |  | | |
| **Risks (Optional)** |  | | |
| **Unforeseen Need (250 words)** |  | | |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** |  | | |
| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | The purpose of this grant is to support Engage Cuba as it works to coalesce and mobilize American businesses, non-profit groups, citizens and state officials to support legislation that will remove existing restrictions which inhibit the U.S.-Cuba normalization process. Under this project, Engage Cuba will: 1) garner support among Congress, businesses, civil society and the public in general to push the administration to support and Congress to enact further measures toward normalization of U.S. Cuba relations; and 2) lobby the U.S. Congress for the adoption of legislation that reforms U.S. Cuba policy and eases restrictions on travel and trade, with the ultimate goal of repealing the embargo. | | |
| **Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | OSPC  Grantee: Engage Cuba | | |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)** |  | | |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work** | OSPC, LAP | | |
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| **Allocator**  *(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name | Chris Stone | |
| Date Approved | May 21, 2015 | |
| **Allocator Notes / Comments**  *(To be completed by allocator only)* | *(Notes/Comments - Optional field)* | | |
| *(Criteria checklist)*  Is this an unforeseen opportunity or a genuinely new idea to advance core open society commitments?  Is the need time-sensitive?  Are we proposing to do something that others are not doing?  Is the plan compelling?  Does the planned activity take good advantage of OSF capacity?  Is the team leading the work up to the task? | | |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | **Not** Rapid Response | | Rapid Response *(See procedure on* [*KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/files/ii.-policies/rapid-response-as-of-10-november-2014.docx/)*)* |
| **If approved, where to allocate the budget?**  *(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | | 1,000,000 |
| Category of Work | |  |
| Division/Program Code | |  |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | |  |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | | Lobbying |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | | United States and Cuba (50% each) |