Appropriations Subcommittee
Legislative Branch

Requesting Organization
Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

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Collegeville, MN 56321

Purpose of Request

To support the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library's (HMML) on-going effort to digitally preserve endangered ancient manuscripts belonging to threatened minority communities in the Middle East. These digital images are the so-called "fossil record" of human civilization. HMML has already worked with communities in Turkey, Syria and Lebanon to digitally preserve more than 10,000 unique manuscripts. No other institution in the world has the track record and capacity to carry out the fieldwork necessary to digitize these collections and make them available to scholars around the world.

Amount Requested
$100,000