

# Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act

Congress passed the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) to foster better cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians and build the foundation for peaceful co-existence and a sustainable two-state solution. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) are responsible for implementing MEPPA, with USAID responsible for the Partnership for Peace Fund and DFC responsible for the Joint Investment for Peace Initiative.



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## Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF)

### People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Grants Activity

- Funds grants of up to \$5 million each to organizations that promote greater understanding, mutual trust, and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Supports organizations that can work together to solve common economic and social development challenges.
- Accepts applications and makes awards on a rolling basis.

### Building Regional Economic Bridges Program

- Promotes joint economic opportunities at the individual and institutional levels.
- Works to overcome barriers between the Palestinian and Israeli private sectors.
- Develops the Palestinian private sector's capability to engage in the Joint Investment for Peace Initiative.

### PPF Advisory Board

- Up to Fifteen-member board that makes recommendations to the USAID Administrator about the types of projects that should be considered for funding.
- Twelve members are appointed by Congress. The USAID Administrator appoints the chair and has the option to appoint two international members. The Board hosts public meetings at least twice a year and provides non-binding advice and recommendations to the USAID Administrator.



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Development  
Finance Corporation

## Joint Investment for Peace Initiative

- Invests in and supports entities that carry out projects contributing to the development of the Palestinian private sector economy in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Increases investment in small and medium-sized enterprises owned by Palestinians in high value-added or emerging industries, such as technology and agriculture.