

Valley Cities employ more than 85,000 people and have a population of over 300,000. There are more than 12,400 acres of industrial lands, 164 miles of truck routes and 8,432 acres of commercial land in this economic region.

As the region grows, it is critical to maintain effective tools for law enforcement in their efforts to keep the community safe. The Auburn, Renton, Kent and Tukwila agencies own the Valley Communications 911 center, which also provides services to the Algona and Pacific agencies. The funding will streamline their communications and provide opportunities for communications in mutual aid or disaster response situations throughout the nine Valley Cities. In addition, City of Auburn provides Public Safety Records Management services for the Cities of Algona and Pacific. The secure fiber network between these nine agencies will allow the cities to have high speed communications and meet the ever expanding Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS) requirements that mandate the securing and encryption of these data networks.

The Cops Technology grant program provides funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. As part of a technology upgrade to begin in 2009, 911 communications for the law enforcement capabilities and public safety community will be changed from radio to IP-based. This will require wired (fiber) communications between the Valley Communications 911 Center and public safety agencies, as well as wireless communications between agencies and mobile computers installed in law enforcement vehicles.

The project will provide 65 direct family wage jobs in the design and construction of this project. In addition, maintenance and operations of this fiber network will provide indirect jobs with regional vendors who will provide the support of the network.

Finance Plan:

Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network Cost Estimate

Construction Budget Estimate:	
Segment A: Backbone	\$750,000
Segment B: Valley Communications	\$200,000
Segment C: Auburn City Hall	\$50,000
Segment D: Federal Way City Hall	\$500,000
Segment E: Kent City Hall	\$50,000
Segment F: Tukwila City Hall	\$50,000
Segment G: Renton City Hall	\$50,000
Segment H: Puget Sound Access	\$50,000
Segment I: Algona	\$90,000
Segment J: Pacific	\$90,000
Segment K: Auburn M&O Facility to Ellingson	\$200,000
Total of estimates	\$2,080,000

Project Management & Design Budget Estimate:	
Consultant design engineering	\$470,000

Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network Cost Estimate—Continued

Consultant project management	\$450,000
Total of estimates	\$920,000
Estimated Project Cost	\$3,000,000

(3) \$1,500,000 for the Washington State Meth Initiative.

Requesting Entity: Pierce County Alliance, 510 Tacoma Ave. So., Tacoma, WA 98402.

Agency: Department of Justice.

Account: COPS Meth.

Funding Requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, ADAM SMITH, RICK LARSEN, NORM DICKS, BRIAN BAIRD.

The methamphetamine epidemic in Washington State mandated an intensive, proactive approach to address the problem on every level, prompting the organization of the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative in 1999. A coalition of concerned, public and private entities developed a comprehensive, integrated program incorporating a focused treatment component, community mobilization and prevention, and environmental and property damage remediation.

WSMI's main goals are to improve enforcement, abate production of methamphetamine, and provide prevention, treatment, and the necessary resources to mobilize communities state-wide. The program propagated an effective treatment model to deal with the severity of the drug and created "Meth Action Teams" (MATs) in every county, educating and organizing communities to combat the drug and all its related effects at the grassroots. Having effectively launched the program in 2001, WSMI seeks to continue to meet the compelling threat of methamphetamine in our state by pursuit of a proven, cost-effective strategy that has reduced the number of illicit meth labs and dump site discoveries by over 70%.

This funding is an ideal implementation of the COPS "Meth Hot Spots" funding because it directly targets the multi-faceted impacts of methamphetamine on our communities state-wide. The funding will also be critical to the retention of jobs related to the proactive investigation efforts related to methamphetamine trafficking across the state.

Finance Plan:

This finance plan reflects a continuation of federal funding for the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative (WSMI), initiated in 2000. The funds are allocated as indicated below and the 2010 funding request will continue the current positions and activities of the Initiative.

Budget Item	Federal	County
Law Enforcement	961,000
Prevention	300,000
Treatment	460,544	228,320
Indirect Costs	278,456
Total	2,000,000	228,320

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from all three of the projects listed above.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 435, celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I thank Chairman TOWNS and my California Delegation colleague, Congressman HONDA for their work in bringing this resolution to the floor today.

This is a very exciting time for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and with the Obama Administration to advance the AAPI objectives.

The 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent, is home to one of the largest Asian constituencies in the nation, including large representations of Filipinos, Samoans and Cambodians. My district is home to the largest Cambodian population in the United States, and the second largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia. Because of the diversity of my district and in our nation, I am a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

This year's theme for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is "Lighting the Past, Present, and Future." The past is filled with rich cultural, economic, and technological contributions from the Asian community. The month of May was chosen to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage for two significant reasons. On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived to our country and on May 10, 1860, the first transcontinental railroad was completed. The transcontinental railroad transformed our nation and could not have been completed without the inclusion of Chinese immigrants.

Here in Congress, Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian American elected in 1957 and less than a decade later, Patsy Mink became the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. Both overcame adversity to pave the way for all minorities, including a distinguished American and Medal of Honor winner, Senator DANIEL INOUE, who has served in the other body for nearly a half century. Today, we have seven Members of Congress of Asian descent and 25 Members of Congress, including myself, in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

The AAPI theme, the "present" demonstrates the great progress we have made as a country. Despite the challenges and adversity that Asian Pacific Americans have experienced, many have forged ahead and made significant contributions. History was made when this nation elected a President with such significant personal ties to the Asian Pacific community. President Obama spent his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia. One of President Obama's first guests to the Oval Office was the Prime Minister, Taro Aso of Japan. Further, President Obama appointed three Asian Americans to his cabinet: Secretary of Energy, Dr. Steven Chu; Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki.

I have much hope for the future because Asian Pacific Americans and all Americans are working together hand in hand with others to ensure equality and advancement not only of their community, but all communities.

Madam Speaker, let me again thank Congressman HONDA, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, for his leadership in introducing this resolution. I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans this year and for years to come.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION
AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman WAXMAN for his leadership on this important legislation—and on the whole range of public health issues before the Congress—and have talked extensively with him about the intention of the use of the term “small business tobacco manufacturing industry” as it concerns the Scientific Advisory Committee established in Section 917(b)(1).

H.R. 1256 provides for the establishment of a 12-member Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee and stipulates that one of the members of the Committee shall be a “representative of the interests of the small business tobacco manufacturing industry” that may be filled on rotating, sequential basis by representatives of different “small business tobacco manufacturers.”

For the purpose of phrasing in compliance with certain requirements of this act Section 900(16) of the bill defines “small tobacco product manufacturers” as those having fewer than 350 employees. However, the bill does not define what constitutes a “small business tobacco manufacturer” as it relates to the SAC.

Chairman WAXMAN has assured me that I am correct in concluding that the term in section 917(b)(1) regarding membership on the Advisory Committee is different from—and need not be interpreted as the same as—the one used in proposed new section 900(16).

Additionally, Chairman WAXMAN has assured me that when section 917(b)(1) says that one member of the Scientific Advisory Committee must be a representative of the “small business tobacco manufacturing industry” that does NOT mean that the person must be a representative of a “small tobacco products manufacturer” as defined in section 900(16).

I appreciate the chair’s effort to ensure that small manufacturers have a seat at the table on the Scientific Advisory Committee. The passage of this important legislation is a victory for public health and our nation’s children. I have supported this bill in both this and the last Congress because I believe we must place a far greater emphasis on youth smoking prevention and the elimination of tobacco advertising aimed at children. The Food and Drug Administration is the logical agency to take on the new regulatory responsibilities, and Congress and the Obama Administration need to make sure they have adequate support to carry out this important job.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Title II: Department of Justice

The 11th Congressional District was directly impacted by the events of 9/11 and it is critical to continue to make direct investments to improve first responder and law enforcement communications and for like technology and equipment upgrades.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Somerset County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Sussex County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 39 High Street, Newton, New Jersey 07860

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Essex County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Nelson Place—2nd Floor, New Courts Building, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Title IV: Science

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross-Agency Support Programs

Legal Name of Entity: Drew University

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940

Description of Request: It is my understanding the funding will be used for research and curricula enhancements, including GIS mapping and space imagery of the impact of climate change on forest resources and development of new environmental studies courses and for construction and improvements of science laboratories, for science equipment and technology, and for improvements to associated science classroom space.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487, FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman

CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice—Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1036 Wilson Road, Pullman, Washington 99164

Description of Request: The Washington State University Program of Excellence is known for its cutting-edge, world-class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine abuse. This request will utilize existing infrastructure, which currently focuses on methamphetamine abuse, to focus on prescription drug abuse. Funds will be used to provide for one research fellow, including necessary equipment and materials, to be a faculty member in the Center of Excellence. The individual will be responsible for focusing on the effective treatment and prevention of prescription drug abuse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 West Adams Street, Suite 301, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account, under the Department of Justice for PACEWorks!

The purpose of this program is to help guide at-risk female youths away from the justice system and toward a productive and self-sustaining adulthood. This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account. This transition program for at-risk girls and young women in Duval and Broward counties includes vocational education, integrated employment, continuing education, and independent living training.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc., will contribute \$430,000 to this project that will help curb the increasing amount of juvenile offenders. This