

front, back, and sides of objects of interest rather than just their tops. Within seconds, a law enforcement officer can literally view and analyze any house, building, intersection, fire hydrant, tree or any feature in the county from their laptop, workstation, or mobile device. Southern Kansas encompasses a large area of responsibility, and the police and sheriff's departments are low on manpower and equipment. Federal, state, and local agencies will have a common tool to jointly manage emergencies. The Southern Kansas Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT will administer the program for the four selected counties from the 4th Congressional District. The included counties are Cowley, Greenwood, Montgomery and Sumner.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Justice project.

In accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to the Fiscal Year 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Department of Interior—Wichita Project, Equus Beds Division: H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act contains \$1,500,000 for the Wichita Project—Equus Beds Division in the Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

The funding would be used for funding the design on Phase II of the Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery project. The project involves taking excess flood water from the Little Arkansas River (called above base flow) and depositing that water into the underground aquifer through water supply wells. This project was authorized in 2006 (P.L. 109–299).

This project is authorized for 25% federal matching and will be matched by the city.

Department of Interior—El Dorado Lake, KS: H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act contains \$619,000 for El Dorado Lake, Kansas, in the Army Corps of Engineers' Operation and Maintenance Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District located at 1645 S. 101 East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128.

The additional funds will be used to replace tainter gate stems, dam gate trash racks, seal concrete surfaces, and paint bridge steel. The additional funds will also be used to undertake repairs to project recreation areas that were damaged during the record floods of 2007.

No matching funds are required for this Army Corps of Engineers project.

In accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105:

I–235/US 54 and I–235/Central Ave Interchange, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$380,000 for funding for reconstruction of two interchanges on I–235, Wichita, Kansas. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

This project will provide for preliminary engineering and right-of-way costs for the recon-

struction of the Kellogg (US–54) and Central interchanges on I–235 in western Wichita. The project also involves PE for the reconstruction of the facility to expand it to 6 lanes between the interchanges, a distance of 1.5 miles. The project on I–235 is in the area of Wichita that is experiencing significant population and commercial growth.

The City of Wichita will provide matching funds as required.

Redesign and Reconstruction of I–235 and Kellogg Interchange, Wichita, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$950,000 for the redesign and reconstruction of the interchange at I–235 and Kellogg in Wichita, Kansas. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

The funding used to redesign and make the necessary improvements to this interchange will improve the safety of those citizens traveling through the area and improve the traffic flow. The connection to highway I–235 from Kellogg or U.S. 54 is one of the most dangerous in the county. A shared entering and exiting merge lane onto Kellogg congests traffic as a result of its short length. The steep cover leaf curves to access and exit I–235 require a significant reduction in speed and prove to be especially treacherous when roads are wet, icy or snow-packed.

The City of Wichita will provide matching funds as required.

Advanced Materials Performance Research, National Institute for Aviation Research, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$2,375,000 for facilities and equipment at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University, located at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, Kansas 67260.

The funding will be used to purchase new equipment, hire technical personnel, and conduct research in the areas of metallic and composite structures, crash worthiness, and aging aircraft effects. It will expand and enhance ongoing FAA research regarding flight safety at NIAR.

No matching funds are required for this Federal Aviation Administration project.

21st Street North Railroad Overpass (Broadway to I–135), Wichita, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$380,000 for the 21st Street Railroad Overpass, Wichita, Kansas. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

Funding to create an elevated roadway overpass along 21st Street North from Broadway to I–135 in order to eliminate the lengthy vehicular traffic delays and vehicle entrapment issues associated with multiple at-grade rail crossings located along this segment of a busy east-west arterial city street. This project also connects the 21st Street Redevelopment District to the freeway system in Wichita.

The City of Wichita will provide matching funds as required.

Noise Abatement Along K96, I–235 and Meridian Avenue, Wichita, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropria-

tions Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$237,500 for the Noise Abatement K96, on I–235 project, in Wichita, Kansas. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wichita, located at City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, KS 67202.

The funding will be used to erect noise barriers that will lessen the adverse impact of excessive highway traffic noise in the Sherwood Glen and Meridian Gardens neighborhoods.

This project has \$1.6 million in local matching funds.

National Institute for Aviation Research (NAIR) at Wichita State University, KS: The Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105 contains \$950,000 for research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University, located at 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, Kansas 67260.

This funding will support research, technical personnel, facilities and equipment to investigate the implementation of child restraint systems for pre-school age children traveling in public transportation systems at Wichita State's National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) facility.

No matching funds are required for this Federal Aviation Administration project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus spending bill for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON

1. Dredging of St. Joseph Harbor
Department: Army Corps of Engineers
Account: Operations & Maintenance
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Berrien County, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: Berrien County Administration Center 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Description of Request: This request is for securing funds for dredging both the inner and outer harbor of St. Joseph, Michigan. The inner harbor is a key port for raw materials such as limestone, sand and gravel for state highways. Road and building construction projects in the area receive a majority of their aggregate materials through the three commercial docks located in this harbor. Additionally, it is a major hub for recreational boaters, with over 1,600 boat slips. This project has been authorized through many WRDA acts, is vital to the economic viability of Southwest Michigan, and has the support of the entire community. This project is consistent with the mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and has been authorized through multiple WRDA Acts. Maintaining commerce in St. Joseph Harbor is vital to the economic well-being of Southwest Michigan.

Amount: \$793,000

Financial Breakdown: The entirety of this funding will go towards Dredging to 21 feet in

the entrance and inner channel of the harbor and 18 feet in the inner river channel and turning basin. Supplemental funds will be provided by Berrien County and local municipalities.

2. Western Michigan University Geological Carbon Sequestration Research and Education Program

Department: Energy

Account: Office of Science Biological and Educational Research Account Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Michigan University Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Description of Request: This request is for MICHICARB, a Geological Carbon Sequestration Research and Education Program for Michigan. The program will develop partnerships with Michigan industry, energy utility companies and State and local governments to create and present educational and research programs to help government decision makers and industry leaders identify and evaluate local and regional potential for Geological Carbon Sequestration in deep Michigan geological formations. There is a national need to remain competitive in a global marketplace by motivating and training geosciences professionals skilled in the area of carbon sequestration. Our nation needs to explore all options to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, and the work being done at the MGRRE is an important step toward that goal.

Amount: \$618,475

Financial Breakdown: Faculty, post doctorate, student and professional staff, 36%; materials and supplies for public outreach and K-12 classrooms, 13.6%; travel for public outreach and K-12, 5%; research analytical services and supplies, 13.6%; piggyback drilling, analysis and testing in wells, 31.8%.

3. Benton Harbor Workforce Transformation Program

Department: Labor

Account: Employment and Training Administration Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan Works Benton Harbor, MI

Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Works, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Description of Request: Michigan Works, a state-supported job recruitment and training organization, is starting a job-training program designed to work in tandem with the upcoming \$500 million Harbor Shores mixed-use economic development project being undertaken by Benton Harbor. The basic workforce transformation program, which would be funded by the monies requested here, includes at least three core elements: basic skills training, including workforce literacy remediation; skills training for in-demand, high-growth occupations; and transitional job services. All activities will be based on proven programs administered by workforce training professionals as part of the region's existing and ongoing workforce development activities. All programs will be designed to reduce the unemployment rate, increase the local labor participation rate, increase job readiness, place people into jobs, and increase per capita income. These funds are consistent with the mission of the Employment and Training Administration. Benton Harbor, Michigan is the poorest city in one of the most economically challenged states in America. The magnitude of Benton Harbor's problems is stunning—a workforce with an average

6th grade literacy level and an 80% high school dropout rate by young males. In Benton Harbor 42% of the available workers are out of the workforce, a fact exacerbated by the lack of basic skills needed to maintain employment which has only served as a barrier to attract new employers into the area.

Amount: \$381,000

Financial Breakdown: The majority of this funding (around 70%) will go to staffing services, stipends for program participants, as well as literacy remediation services. The remainder of the funding will be provided for training scholarships, community outreach, participant assessments and support services. Michigan Works will provide supplemental funds.

4. Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Nursing Distance Learning Initiative

Department: Health

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Address of Requesting Entity: 3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Description of Request: The Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services agency will partner with Wayne State University's School of Nursing, the only nursing school in Michigan offering an Advanced Psychiatric and Community Public Health Nurse Practitioner degree program, to bring the opportunity through the use of distance learning technology for nurses in Kalamazoo and surrounding communities to participate in this three-year program right in their home communities, rather than have to travel all the way across the State to Detroit. The plan would provide scholarships to local nurses who wish to participate in exchange for a commitment to remain in and serve their Southwest Michigan communities. Southwest Michigan is a medically underserved area, with a shortage of nurses, and a particularly acute shortage of nurses with advanced training to meet community mental health needs. The Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Nursing Distance Learning proposal promises to be an innovative and successful way to address this pressing need.

Amount: \$285,000

Financial Breakdown: The majority of funding for this project (around 60%) will go to nursing faculty, with supplemental funding going to polycom and video conferencing equipment, as well as scholarships for nursing students.

5. Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport Terminal Improvement Project

Department: Transportation

Account: FAA—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kalamazoo Aeronautics Board of Trustees Address of Requesting Entity: 5235 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002

Description of Request: Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport is undergoing the initial planning and design phases for the construction of a new terminal building. The existing terminal, built in 1958, has undergone three expansion projects during its lifetime and is still over capacity and continues to grow. Expansion of terminal capacity and enplanement levels is critical for the airport to be able to continue to provide efficient service.

Additionally, the new terminal will be a "green" building, and as such, will lower operating costs for businesses that utilize it. This request is consistent with the mission of the FAA's Airport Improvement Program. The terminal has been in the works for years, and will provide much needed economic development for Kalamazoo.

Amount: \$1,615,000

Financial Breakdown: This funding will go toward costs associated with construction of the terminal, which is a project totaling \$34,000,000. A portion of matching funds will be contributed by the Airport in the form of bonds; Airport capital; PFC funds; and State of Michigan funds.

6. Kalamazoo Metropolitan Transit Authority Facility Expansion

Department: Transportation

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kalamazoo

Address of Requesting Entity: 530 N. Rose St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Description of Request: The Kalamazoo Metro Transit Authority is undertaking a facility expansion to accommodate their consolidation of all mass transit in the county. The expanded facility will allow the new transit authority to more efficiently serve its riders. This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$950,000

Financial Breakdown: Proposal includes administrative office expansion and vehicle storage for countywide demand/response program currently offered by Kalamazoo Metro Transit. Kalamazoo is providing their required matching funds.

7. St. Joseph County Bus Replacement and Software Purchase

Department: Transportation

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Joseph County Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 810 Webber Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49093

Description of Request: The St. Joseph County Transportation Authority is seeking to replace one medium-duty bus that has met its useful life and is in need of replacement. They will also use a small part of the request for the purchase of new routing software to improve the efficiency of scheduling and bus routing. This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$142,500

Financial Breakdown: Most of the money (\$115,000) will be used to purchase one medium duty bus. The rest of the money will be used for upgraded routing software. St. Joseph County will be providing their required matching funds.

8. Van Buren County Bus Replacement and Routing Software Purchase

Department: Transportation

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Van Buren County Public Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: 610 David Walton Dr., Bangor, MI 49079

Description of Request: The Van Buren County Transportation Authority is seeking to replace one medium-duty bus that has met its useful life and is in need of replacement. They will also use a small part of the request for the purchase of new routing software to improve the efficiency of scheduling and bus routing.

This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$142,500

Financial Breakdown: Most of the money (\$115,000) will be used to purchase one medium duty bus. The rest of the money will be used for upgraded routing software. Van Buren County will be providing their required matching funds.

9. Niles Dial-a-Ride Bus Acquisition

Department: Transportation

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Niles

Address of Requesting Entity: 623 N. Second St., Niles, MI 49120

Description of Request: The City of Niles is seeking to purchase two medium-sized busses to accommodate a new route that will stop at all major retail centers between Niles, MI and South Bend, IN. This request is consistent with the mission of the FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities account.

Amount: \$228,000

Financial Breakdown: The entirety of this money will be used to purchase two medium-sized busses. The city of Niles will be providing their required matching funds.

10. Apple Fire Blight

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Fire Blight is a major threat to Michigan's apple trees and has reduced apple acreage in Michigan by an astounding 24%. Michigan and New York researchers are taking aggressive measures against fire blight including development of blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies. Finding ways to control and curb fire blight is of critical importance to apple growers in my district and elsewhere. This research is very promising, and its results will help apple growers significantly increase their yields.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: Approximately, \$148,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personal; and \$36,000 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the tire blight research at MSU at a level of \$52,500 in FY09.

12. Phytophthora Research

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Researchers at Michigan State University are leaders in the fight to control *Phytophthora capsici*, a fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes numerous plants to rot. *Phytophthora* management has been complicated by its longevity in soils (10 or more years), its ability to spread in water, its resistance to a key fungicides and lack of disease resistant varieties. Michigan State University has developed new techniques for control and resistant varieties. However, losses caused by *Phytophthora* have become so large throughout the nation in recent years that the economic viability of the vege-

table industries in many states is at risk, and more research is necessary. Since 1996, researchers have leveraged private, state and federal funds to significantly advance disease management. The widespread crop loss caused by *Phytophthora capsici* will be lessened, keeping family farms and their communities viable. Spread of *Phytophthora* to new sites will be stopped. Ways to remediate/treat infested ground and water sources will be identified. Integrated management strategies that emphasize cultural methods and environmentally friendly practices will be developed.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: This money will provide 346,000 in funding for *Phytophthora* research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for *Phytophthora* research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

NATIONAL LINK AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to bring awareness to the link between animal cruelty and other forms of societal violence by designating the month of May 2009 as National Link Awareness Month.

This resolution would highlight the need for more attention and resources to be focused on how violence toward animals is indicative of other violent tendencies. By investigating the link further, information could be gathered that will help mitigate societal violence.

Psychological, sociological, and criminological studies have shown that violent offenders frequently had a history of abusing animals during their childhood and adolescence. The FBI has recognized the connection since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Research has also shown patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of child abuse, spousal abuse, and elder abuse. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria of conduct disorder.

The link between animal abuse and domestic violence is a recognized fact. Each year, defenseless pets face the sad and disturbing reality that they will be victims of cruelty and abuse. Domestic abusers commonly torture or kill family pets as a method of exerting control and ensuring submission. This causes victims, children and adults alike, to remain in violent households in order to ensure their beloved pets are not harmed further.

Research indicates that children who are exposed to domestic violence are nearly three times more likely to mistreat animals than children who are not exposed to such violence. Tragically, this behavior is often symptomatic of future abuse toward other animals or

human beings. Significant research documents a relationship between childhood histories of animal cruelty and patterns of chronic interpersonal aggression.

Due to the correlation between animal abuse and other forms of family and community violence, animal abuse must be taken very seriously. Human services, animal services, and law enforcement agencies must share resources and expertise to address animal and human related violence in communities. By effectively and comprehensively addressing the link between violence toward animals and other forms of societal violence, we can learn information that will help stop violence in the home as well as the community at large.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the designation of May 2009 as National Link Awareness Month so that more awareness will be brought to the link between animal cruelty and other forms of violence in society.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$2,483,000 for Maintenance Dredging at Port Manatee.

Funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging as needed (generally not every year). The funds being requested are appropriated in the Corps of Engineers' O&M Account but are entirely derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF). The Trust Fund is financed by a Harbor Maintenance Tax of 1/8 of one percent of the value of imports and domestic traffic and this generates considerably more than the amount actually appropriated by Congress each year for the navigation projects. The requested funds are needed to restore full project dimension of the Phases I and II work.

The Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget for the Army Corps of Engineers includes \$2.6 million for Manatee Harbor O&M.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$478,000 for a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) on Tampa Harbor.