

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. 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, "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009."

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JEAN SCHMIDT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Project Name: Ohio Riverfront, Cincinnati, Ohio

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "The City of Cincinnati"

Address of Requesting Entity: 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,871,000 to begin construction of Phase I of the project, including a flood-tolerant, stabilized river bank that will become a riverfront park linking central riverfront attractions to Downtown Cincinnati. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account [PL 110-114, Section 5116 (WRDA 2007)]. The City of Cincinnati will match this funding 50-50 and has thus far provided \$11.97 million toward this project. The State of Ohio has also appropriated \$1.75 million for the project.

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Project Name: Metropolitan Region of Cincinnati, Duck Creek, Ohio

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "The City of Cincinnati" and "Village of Fairfax"

Address of Requesting Entity: 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio and 5903 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,828,000 to continue construction of 100-year level of flood protection to existing commercial, industrial, and residential areas along Duck Creek. This request is consistent with the authority provided by WRDA 2000 (PL 106-541) and the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account.

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Project Name: Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH: Village of St. Martin, Ohio

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, Section 594, Ohio Environmental Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Village of St. Martin"

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 213, Fayetteville, Ohio 45118

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 to replace the wastewater treatment plant serving the Brown County Ursuline School for Girls, Chatfield College and 27 neighboring residences. The treatment plant is mandated by the EPA to be replaced by June 1, 2010. This request is consistent with the

authorized purpose of the Ohio Environmental Infrastructure account (Section 594). The Village is prepared to provide 50 percent of the total project cost. Funds will be used for engineering (\$48,000); preliminary engineering (\$5,000); design (\$22,500); and construction (\$326,000).

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Project Name: Rankin House State Memorial

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Ohio Historical Society"

Address of Requesting Entity: 1982 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$150,000 to preserve and restore the Rankin House. Funds will be used for exterior trim and brick repair (\$28,000); restoration of dining room and bedroom woodwork (\$43,000); conserve parlor mural (\$50,000); interior painting (\$30,000); new HVAC system (\$25,000); upgrade electrical system (\$12,000); plumbing repair (\$3,000); security system upgrades (\$9,000); relocate utilities to house underground (\$30,000); reproduction floor coverings, wallpapers, drapes, bed coverings (\$75,000); and conservation of furniture and painting (\$60,000). This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Save America's Treasures account.

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Project Name: Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Eastern/Delta Sewer Separation Project

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati"

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Gest Street, Cincinnati, OH 45204

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to separate sanitary sewage from storm water flows in order to reduce the amount of combined sewer overflow (CSO) volume discharged to the Ohio River. \$1 million authorization in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007. This is part of MSD's Wet Weather Improvement Plan (WWIP) to comply with the federally-mandated consent decree for combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). The agreement between MSD and various regulatory authorities, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, was codified into two Consent Decrees entered in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio on June 9, 2004. The total cost of the WWIP is estimated to be nearly \$2.0B (in 2006 dollars) and has been funded thus far by the MSD rate payers. Implementation of this project would reduce the volume of untreated combined sewage entering the Ohio River by 13 million gallons per year. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure account.

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Project Name: Shawnee State University for an Immersive Technology and Arts Center

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Shawnee State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for an Immersive Technology and Arts Center at Shawnee State University (ITAC). ITAC will house a motion capture lab and advanced video and sound editing studios to create a fully-realized virtual environment. ITAC will play a prominent role in attracting national and international professionals and businesses to the area, fostering the development of locally owned companies and supplementing a strong high-tech education at the University. ITAC emphasizes local partnerships and will be part of a regional collaboration of businesses and institutions of higher education working to cultivate the intellectual and financial capital to create a high-tech economic base in the Southern Ohio region. Funding will be used for 30 computer workstations, proprietary software, and furniture (\$270,000) and staffing for one year (\$100,000). This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Small Business Administration account.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Project Name: Clermont County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Clermont County Sheriff's Office"

Address of Requesting Entity: 4470 State Route 222, Batavia, Ohio 45103-9777

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$230,000 for the Clermont County Drug Unit, a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force formed in 1988. Funds will supplement local resources to provide for personnel and operations. The mission of the unit is to identify, investigate and arrest mid and upper echelon narcotics violators who otherwise would operate across jurisdictional boundaries with impunity. Funds will support personnel (\$289,646) and operations (\$77,008). This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants account.

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Project Name: Cincinnati Communications Equipment

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Cincinnati"

Address of Requesting Entity: Regional Computer Center/Communications Technology Services, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 310, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,270,000 to implement 800MHz radios for non-public safety agencies in the City of Cincinnati so they can communicate with public safety agencies, and to eliminate the need to replace aging (20+ years old) UHF/VHF equipment because of federal (FCC) mandates related to narrowbanding. Total project cost is \$2.5 million, including \$100,000 personnel, engineering, and design and \$2.4 million for equipment. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the COPS Law Enforcement Technology account.

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Project Name: Eastgate Area Improvements, Clermont County, Ohio

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Clermont County Transportation Improvement District"

Address of Requesting Entity: 175 E. Main Street—Suite 150, Batavia, OH 45103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$570,000 for Eastgate Area Improvements (Local Network Improvements-Segments IV and IVa) including Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Studies (PE/EIS) and related activities to develop and construct projects consistent with appropriate federal project development and ODOT requirements. Total project cost is \$2.5 million. Seeking \$2 million in federal support with non-federal/local match of \$500,000. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation account.

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Project Name: Village of Morrow, Morrow, Ohio

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Village of Morrow"

Address of Requesting Entity: 150 E Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 for streetscape improvements to help revitalize Morrow's central business district and support economic development. Elements of the project include funding for street lighting (\$27,500), signage-façade (\$2,500), removal of existing walk (\$3,850), curb and gutter removal (\$4,950), removal and reinstallation of traffic signs (\$2,625), storm pipe removal (\$8,800), engineering and design (\$34,000), relocate street utilities (\$25,000), pipe culverts (\$44,000), misc pipe culvert for drain basin (\$8,000), underdrains (\$7,040), ODOT Type 2 curb and gutter (\$22,000), concrete sidewalk (\$45,000), construction observation-inspection (\$10,000), seeding and mulching (\$2,775), and misc approaches—ADA ramps (\$12,500). The Village is prepared to provide \$25,000 or a 5 percent match of total project costs. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Economic Development Initiatives account.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JEAN SCHMIDT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Project Name: Central Riverfront Street Grid

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Cincinnati"

Address of Requesting Entity: Department of Transportation and Engineering, 801 Plum Street, City Hall, Room 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$475,000 to design and construct pedestrian facilities, utility infrastructure, and other street improvements on Race Street in downtown Cincinnati. The CRF Street Grid Project provides the streets, sidewalks and utility infrastructure necessary to support the new Central Riverfront redevelopment, including the Paul Brown Stadium, the Great American Ballpark, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Central Riverfront Park, and The

Banks mixed-use development. The project augments Fort Washington Way by increasing mobility and providing roadway connections to accommodate localized access to and from Cincinnati's Central Business District and Central Riverfront areas, as well as the Northern Kentucky Riverfront. This request is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation account.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAN SHERMAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a compassionate labor leader and tireless worker, Dan Sherman, who has given 36 years of service to Wisconsin's energy industry.

Dan Sherman has worked as Forester, Line-man and Trouble Shooter for Wisconsin Electric Power Company. Mr. Sherman has given unprecedented service to Local 2150 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and during his tenure has served as Business Representative, Assistant Business Manager, and Business Manager for Local 2150.

Since 1987, Mr. Sherman has been a member of the State AFL-CIO Executive Board where his leadership has led to greater cooperation within organized labor, and forged stronger relationships with local, state, and federal officials on the importance of issues affecting working families. Mr. Sherman served on the Missouri Valley Board of Trustees that contributed to strong labor-management regarding industry performance, training and safety issues.

Mr. Sherman is a veteran having proudly served as a United States Marine. He is also a devoted family man, who together with his wife, Chris, has raised four children and has been blessed with seven grandchildren.

On March 13, 2009, Dan Sherman will be recognized and thanked for his many contributions to the citizens of Wisconsin and all of Wisconsin by family, friends and colleagues. In fact, Mr. Sherman continues to set a strong example to us all by displaying humor, grace and goodwill to all, in spite of extreme challenges to his own health.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Sherman for his contributions to the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin. He has helped transform the lives of many people in our community.

CELEBRATING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINTER

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the North County Transit District and the successful completion of the first year of service by the Sprinter. The Sprinter is a light commuter rail line operating between Oceanside and Escondido, California, United States.

The Sprinter is operated by the North County Transit District of Oceanside, the area's public transit agency and is the first passenger train service of any kind along the Escondido Branch since the Santa Fe Railroad discontinued passenger service in 1946. The Sprinter service has helped the San Diego region battle traffic congestion and pollution while providing a critical 22-mile route from Oceanside to Escondido, with 15 stops along the way.

The light rail on average services 7,300 weekday riders and ridership is increasing steadily. The Sprinter had over 2.3 million passengers in its very first year and has maintained a 99 percent on time performance. I am especially proud of the Sprinter's success during these difficult economic times. My congratulations go out to the entire Sprinter family and the North County Transit District team!

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY ECKERT'S SERVICE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 201, recognizing the service of 9/11 widow Beverly Eckert who was killed aboard Continental Flight 3407 last month.

This resolution is a fitting memorial to the life and service of Beverly Eckert. After her husband, Sean Rooney, was killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Beverly dedicated her life to keeping alive the memories of Sean and the nearly 3,000 others killed that day. It was my privilege in the dark days following 9/11 to meet Beverly and work with her to obtain justice for the families of those who were murdered.

I was deeply saddened to learn about the death of Beverly and so many others on that flight to Buffalo last month. She was truly an advocate for the 9/11 families, and her strength and resolve will be missed.

IN HONOR OF REV. DR. ANDREW DURGAN

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest sympathy in the passing of my dear friend Rev. Dr. Andrew Durgan. Over 60 years ago, Rev. Durgan began his radio ministry over the airways of my family's radio station, WWNR, becoming the first African American to host a weekly program. I am proud that my father created an opportunity which Rev. Durgan used as a launching pad for his ministry. Joining together with my dear friend, the late Helen Dobson, made them both a powerhouse in the community.

I was honored to be with Rev. Durgan as guest speaker for his 60th Anniversary of Broadcast Ministry and remember fondly the testimonies he shared concerning the goodness of the Lord. Rev. Durgan recounted the