



From the Office of
U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROSS
Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District

Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Request

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Project Name: Aquaculture Fisheries Center, Pine Bluff, AR

Request Amount: \$519,000

Intended Recipient: Aquaculture Fisheries Center, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1200 N. University Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to research various improvements in fish farming, including expanding production systems for these farms, finding solutions to diseases affecting many breeds of farm-raised fish, and developing new strategies to protect farm-raised fish from bird predation.

Project Name: Arkansas Forest Resource Center, Monticello, AR

Request Amount: \$319,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas Forest Resources Center, University of Arkansas at Monticello, 110 University Court, Monticello, AR 71656

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to support ongoing and new studies directed toward solving various issues facing Arkansas' abundant forests and woodlands. This includes helping protect the forests from natural disasters, assessing and providing alternative energy and industrial solutions, and better understanding the impact of human life on forests.

Project Name: Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center, Booneville, AR

Request Amount: \$2,805,000

Intended Recipient: Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center, 6883 South State Highway 23, Booneville, AR 72927

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to continue research into developing principles and technologies that would increase profitability and sustainability of small scale farms. This can be accomplished by diversifying production, reducing the amount of input, and protecting and enhancing the small farm's natural resources.

Project Name: Endophyte Research, Booneville, AR

Request Amount: \$1,400,000

Intended Recipient: Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center, 6883 South State Highway 23, Booneville, AR 72927

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to research toxins and endophytes present in tall fescue grass in order to provide solutions to certain cattle and farming problems. This would allow for better storing techniques high-quality storage, better managing and breeding of toxin-resistant cattle, and marketing of fescue as a value-added export commodity.

Project Name: Integrated Agricultural Learning Laboratories

Request Amount: \$1,800,000

Intended Recipient: Southern Arkansas University, 100 East University, Magnolia, AR 71753

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to develop poultry and swine student learning laboratories at Southern Arkansas University. The state-of-the-art laboratories will offers students opportunities to acquire the knowledge and practical skills necessary to be successful in the agricultural industry.

Project Name: Pond Renovations, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Aquaculture Research Station
Request Amount: \$1,400,000
Intended Recipient: Aquaculture Fisheries Center, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1200 N. University Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to complete phases two and three of the three-phase renovation process of the UAPB Aquaculture Research Station, half of which is over 40 years old and in a condition that threatens ongoing research.

Project Name: Regional Water Reservoir, Upper Petit Jean Public Water Authority
Request Amount: \$485,000
Intended Recipient: Upper Petit Jean Public Water Authority, 370 Featherson Street, Waldron, AR 72958

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to help established a reservoir, which would provide clean drinking water for residents in a 6-county region that currently has a strained supply of potable water.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Project Name: Emergency Communications System
Request Amount: \$550,000
Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas at Monticello, 346 University Drive, Monticello, AR 71656

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide a unified communications network to increase the safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors to the university. The emergency notification system will support public safety with the ability to monitor rogue behavior, implement policy-based responses and improve communication between systems.

Project Name: Garland County Sheriff's Department Surveillance Equipment
Request Amount: \$60,000
Intended Recipient: Garland County Sheriff, 525 Ouachita Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for surveillance equipment, such as night vision, thermal imaging, and wireless cameras for the detection, surveillance and apprehension of violent suspects and fugitives.

Project Name: Hot Springs Police Department In-Car Video Equipment
Request Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: City of Hot Springs Police Department, 641 Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for video and audio recording devices to document events that occur in front of police department vehicles. Documentation provides officers and citizens an additional means of ensuring safety and fair treatment of all subjects.

Project Name: Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Headquarters Facility
Request Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, 101 East Barraque Street, Suite 112, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to construct and equip a new sheriff's department headquarters. In addition to traditional law enforcement services, the facility will include a forensic lab, interoperable dispatch and communications, and a training area with a firearms training simulator. Warrant and fugitive services will be integrated into one location, enhancing overall efficiency.

Project Name: Pine Bluff Police Department Headquarters Facility
Request Amount: \$1,425,000
Intended Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 716 S. Georgia, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to acquire and renovate a downtown facility for a new police headquarters. In addition to contributing to downtown revitalization efforts, the centralized facility will result in greater coordination of public safety efforts and help reduce crime.

Subcommittee on Defense

Project Name: 120MM VL Illum M930 W/MTSQ Fuze
Request Amount: \$4,200,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to produce illuminating mortar rounds used to provide illumination to the fullest extent of the mortar system used. This will allow for the adjustment of fire at night on the battlefield.

Project Name: CBPS (Care of Supplies in Storage) COSIS
Request Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for Chemical and Biological Protective Shelters (CBPS) which are highly mobile, self-contained collective protection systems that provide a contamination free working area for Echelon I and II medical treatment facilities and other selected units.

Project Name: CP DEPMEDS (Care of Supplies in Storage) COSIS
Request Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to support the Army's Collectively Protected Deployable Medical System (CP DEPMEDS) which converts the service's field hospitals into a fully operational, environmentally controlled, and collectively protected medical treatment facility. The requirement is to sustain medical operations in a CB contaminated environment for 72 hours.

Project Name: M1066 155 MM Projectiles
Request Amount: \$7,200,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to produce projectiles used in conjunction with night vision goggles to illuminate the target area. The projectile is almost invisible to the naked eye, but the infra-red spectrum allows a night vision advantage for our troops. The illuminating and infra-red ammunition is a high demand commodity and the M1066 fulfills a critical battlefield need.

Project Name: M12A1 (Care of Supplies in Storage) COSIS
Request Amount: \$300,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for a decontamination program that facilitates the removal and detoxification of contaminants from materials without inflicting injury to personnel or damage to equipment or the environment. This system is more transportable, less labor intensive, and more effective for applying decontaminating solutions and removing contamination.

Project Name: M17 (Care of Supplies in Storage) COSIS
Request Amount: \$300,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for a decontamination program that facilitates the removal and detoxification of contaminants from materials without inflicting injury to personnel or damage to equipment or the environment. This system is more transportable, less labor intensive, and more effective for applying decontaminating solutions and removing gross contamination.

Project Name: M18 Smoke Hand Grenade
Request Amount: \$3,000,000
Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to produce M18 smoke grenades used as ground-to-ground or ground-to-air signaling devices, target or landing zone marking devices, or screening devices for unit movements. These will be used to meet operational and training requirements in support of ongoing military operations.

Project Name: M83 Training Grenade

Request Amount: \$3,000,000

Intended Recipient: Pine Bluff Arsenal, 10020 Kabrich Circle Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to produce M83 smoke grenades used as ground-to-ground or ground-to-air signaling devices, target or landing zone marking devices, or screening devices for unit movements. These will be used to meet operational and training requirements in support of ongoing military operations.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Project Name: Blakely Mountain Dam, Lake Ouachita, AR

Request Amount: \$ 9,672,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including replacing or installing hardware and electrical systems, upgrading or replacing wastewater collection systems, and assessing the wildlife in the surrounding areas. This would improve the quality of service provided to the public and greatly enhance their recreational experience.

Project Name: DeGray Lake, AR

Request Amount: \$ 9,754,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including upgrading, repairing, or replacing various components of the lake, resurfacing roads, replacing hardware, installing drainage, and replacing sewer plants. This would improve the quality of service provided to the public and greatly enhance their recreational experience.

Project Name: DeQueen Lake, AR

Request Amount: \$ 3,393,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including updating mechanical and electrical systems that are outdated or no longer in working condition.

Project Name: Dierks Lake, AR

Request Amount: \$ 2,213,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including rehabbing camp sites, constructing a dock and boat ramp, resurfacing damaged roads, and installing new electrical equipment necessary for continued operation.

Project Name: Gillham Lake, AR

Request Amount: \$ 1,437,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including replacing wet well gates, designing a new stilling basin outlet, upgrading electrical equipment, and installing trails and footpaths for increased accessibility.

Project Name: McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, 12-Foot Navigation Channel, AR & OK

Request Amount: \$ 19,000,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to initiate construction of the navigation channel of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System at a minimum depth of 12 feet. The Corps of Engineers will use funding to build structures, add riprap at various locations and dredge the few remaining locations in the channel to provide for a navigation depth of 12 feet for navigation traffic from Montgomery Point Lock and Dam to Lock and Dam 13.

Project Name: Millwood Lake, AR

Request Amount: \$ 6,690,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including various activities that are necessary for the continued operation and safety of the lake, and to conduct a sediment analysis range to determine the impact to all authorized project purposes. Results are needed to determine if a change is needed to the water control plan or if a major rehabilitation project is warranted.

Project Name: Narrows Dam, Lake Greeson, AR

Request Amount: \$ 5,474,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including removal of abandoned water treatment facilities, upgrading camping facilities, and repairing buildings, roads, and utilities damaged by flooding in 2009. This would improve the quality of service provided to the public and greatly enhance their recreational experience.

Project Name: Ouachita and Black Rivers, AR & LA

Request Amount: \$ 16,630,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to continue operations of four locks and dams, dredging, and other requirements of the Ouachita and Black Rivers, including construction of stoplog slots in lockwalls at H.K. Thatcher L&D.

Project Name: Ouachita River and Tributaries, AR & LA

Request Amount: \$ 200,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for a reconnaissance level study to prepare an updated plan for the development and conservation of water and related land resources for the Ouachita River Watershed, identifying navigation, flood control, water supply, recreation and tourism, fish and wildlife, bank stabilization, and ecosystem needs throughout the Ouachita River Basin.

Project Name: Red River Below Denison Dam, AR, LA & TX

Request Amount: \$ 12,000,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to enlarge or rehabilitate existing levees and add new levees along the Red River. This will provide flood damage reduction for about 1.7 million acres, half of which are located behind levees. This would protect the flood plain from crop damage and loss of livestock, damage to levees, railroads, highways, industries, and other river and urban developments.

Project Name: Red River Emergency Bank Protection, AR, LA, OK & TX

Request Amount: \$ 11,300,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for revetment, dikes, and cutoffs which are essential to maintenance of the navigation channel alignment and are necessary to prevent bank caving, thus providing protection to the existing levee system.

Project Name: Red River Navigation Study, Southwest Arkansas, AR & LA

Request Amount: \$ 50,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to continue the Southwest Arkansas Red River Navigation Project Feasibility Study. This study will help determine cost-effective and environmentally-friendly shipping and land transportation alternatives and identify sources of alternative energy production. Expected benefits include expanded municipal and industrial water supply, agricultural irrigation, recreational opportunities and ecosystem enhancement.

Project Name: Southeast Arkansas, AR

Request Amount: \$ 300,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for engineering and alternative project feasibility studies in the Southeast Arkansas area which experienced heavy flooding in the past. These studies would be used for future flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration.

Project Name: Southwest Arkansas, AR

Request Amount: \$ 47,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for a watershed study to evaluate flooding, irrigation, restoration of fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, hydropower, and water releases for navigation and recreation. Ecosystem restoration will increase recreation and hunting opportunities, benefit farmers through irrigation and residents through flood protection.

Project Name: Tensas Basin, Bouef and Tensas Rivers, AR & LA

Request Amount: \$ 3,244,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for continued operations and backlog maintenance, including funding a pumping plant, purchasing equipment necessary for operation, planning a visitor center, and clearing a boat ramp.

Project Name: Yellow Bend Port, AR

Request Amount: \$ 115,000

Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for studies and maintenance dredging necessary for the continued operation of the port. Without this dredging, this port would be forced to close, adversely affecting many farmers and communities that rely on this outlet.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Project Name: Henderson State University Small Business and Technology Development Center, Rural Entrepreneurial Initiative

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Henderson State University, 1100 Henderson Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71999

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for comprehensive and long-term small business and entrepreneurial development services in Southwest Arkansas. Small business development services will focus on retaining and growing small businesses by providing practical business consulting services and training in the areas of business strategic planning, budgeting, cash flow management, inventory management, payroll processing, marketing and legal issues.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Project Name: Arkansas Fire Training Academy

Request Amount: \$1,888,300

Intended Recipient: Arkansas Fire Training Center, Southern Arkansas University Tech, 100 Carr Road, Camden, AR 71701

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide supplies and renovate the Arkansas Fire Training Academy which was recently damaged by a tornado. Funding will allow more effective training for firefighters throughout Arkansas.

Project Name: Clark County Fire Training Center

Request Amount: \$25,000

Intended Recipient: County of Clark, 401 Clay Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide the Clark County Fire Training Center with appropriate equipment to conduct training and education in fire, emergency response, and law enforcement practices necessary for the promotion of safety, fire prevention, and preparedness.

Project Name: Emergency Operations Center, City of Texarkana, AR

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Intended Recipient: City of Texarkana, 100 N. Stateline Ave., Texarkana, AR 71854

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to rehabilitate an alternate emergency operations center and sub-station to enhance airport and public safety. This center will provide rapid response and continuity of law enforcement services, ensuring a balanced strategy for handling emergencies.

Project Name: Lake Village Disaster Preparedness

Request Amount: \$133,000

Intended Recipient: City of Lake Village, 114 N. Chicot, Lake Village, AR 71653

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide weather and other related disaster education as well as to purchase an outdoor weather siren system to send alerts to residents of the rural community and surrounding area, helping protect lives and reduce property loss in emergency weather situations.

Project Name: Live Fire Multi-Training System

Request Amount: \$400,000

Intended Recipient: Fire Department, City of Monticello, 101 North Church Street, Monticello, AR 71655

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to establish a regional fire training facility in Monticello, Arkansas. The facility will provide cost-efficient training and continuing education to firefighters throughout the region.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Project Name: City of Bradley for Water Improvement Project

Request Amount: \$387,420

Intended Recipient: City of Bradley, 410 Pullman St., Bradley, AR 71826

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to replace a 40 year old water well, chlorination system, and water tank. The project will ensure continued water service for the city of Bradley and surrounding areas.

Project Name: City of El Dorado for West Side Water Line Replacement

Request Amount: \$742,500

Intended Recipient: City of El Dorado, 500 N. Washington St., El Dorado, AR 71730

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to replace existing asbestos concrete pipeline, which is no longer acceptable due to health concerns, with a new larger pipeline. The project will improve current low water pressure, increase fire protection, and accommodate residential and industrial users.

Project Name: City of Pine Bluff for University Drive/US Highway 79B Sewer Extension

Request Amount: \$275,000

Intended Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, 716 S. Georgia, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for sewer improvements to support retention and expansion of small businesses and protect public health. The project will contribute to the sustainable redevelopment of one of two regional employment centers surrounding Lake Saracen.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Project Name: Arkansas Environmental Training Academy

Request Amount: \$1,500,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas Environmental Training Academy, 100 Carr Road, Camden, AR 71701

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to equip an environmental health and safety training laboratory on the campus of Southern Arkansas University Tech that will enable greater promotion of public health and environmental protection in Arkansas.

Project Name: Increasing Rural Access to Interdisciplinary Geriatric Healthcare

Request Amount: \$250,000

Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for information technology to provide telemedical care at Area Health Education Centers in El Dorado and Pine Bluff, increasing access to healthcare and social services for older adults in southern Arkansas. The communication equipment will allow doctors to receive important medical information from other facilities they may not have access to otherwise and will allow doctors from other facilities to remotely perform patient assessments.

Project Name: Rich Mountain Community College

Request Amount: \$463,200

Intended Recipient: Rich Mountain Community College, 1100 College Drive, Mena, AR 71953

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to expand the college's nursing curriculum to include a PN to RN associate level track and to advance current technological resources by better equipping both the classroom and clinical setting. This project will help reduce the current shortage of nurses in the health care field.

Project Name: South Arkansas Community College

Request Amount: \$587,500

Intended Recipient: South Arkansas Community College, 300 S. West Avenue, El Dorado, AR 71731

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for the implementation of a new training program for process technology operators. This project will assist in the advanced training of students and professionals who will be able to further partner with local industries facing a growing shortage of process technology operators

Project Name: Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., Pine Bluff Arsenal Chemical Mission Transition

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., 510 Main Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71611

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to help facilitate the workforce transition and economic diversification needed due to closure of the chemical weapons demilitarization program at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. This project will lead a comprehensive effort to assess and plan this workforce transition, helping grow existing businesses and attract new investment.

Project Name: University of Arkansas at Monticello

Request Amount: \$440,000

Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas at Monticello, 346 University Drive, Monticello, AR 71656

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for the implementation and management of a state-of-the-art simulation teaching and learning laboratory. This multilevel project will train nursing students, retrain nurses who desire to return to the workforce, and provide continuing education for the local medical and nursing community.

Project Name: University of Arkansas at Monticello Arkansas Forest Resources Center

Request Amount: \$480,000
Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas at Monticello, 346 University Drive, Monticello, AR 71656

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to purchase equipment necessary for the new forest research facility at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center. The center provides environmental and forest teaching, research, and outreach endeavors. These programs will serve as a catalyst for increased employment opportunities, protection of existing jobs and the development of technologies that could impact energy production across the nation

Project Name: University of Arkansas Community College at Hope
Request Amount: \$453,200
Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, 2500 South Main, Hope, AR 71801

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to better equip the facility with advanced technology and expand the nursing department's curriculum, allowing for the inclusion of a PN to RN associate level track. This project will help reduce the current shortage of nurses in the health care field.

National Projects

Project Name: Center for Civic Education
Request Amount: \$26,635,625
Intended Recipient: The Center for Civic Education, 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to promote enlightened and responsible citizens who are committed to democratic principles. Among the programs supported by the Center for Civic Education are: the We the People Program, The School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program, and The Civitas International Program. These programs have proven to be among the most cost effective programs supported by the Federal Government.

Project Name: Close Up Fellowship Project
Request Amount: \$ 5,000,000
Intended Recipient: Close Up Foundation, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Alexandria, VA 22314

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide disadvantaged students and their teachers the ability to participate in civil education programs. The aim is to inspire students to be dynamic citizens and to engage in active, respectful discourse with their peers. The program furthers these goals by bringing together students from diverse ethnic, geographic and economic backgrounds.

Project Name: National Council for Economic Education
Request Amount: \$5,018,625
Intended Recipient: National Council for Economic Education, 122 East 42 Street, Suite 2600, New York, NY 10168

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to advocate for improved school-based economic and personal finance education. The program educates students in the basics of entrepreneurship and offers professional development for teachers. Each year the program reaches more than 15 million students in the United States and world-wide.

Project Name: National History Day Project
Request Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: National History Day, Incorporated, 0119 Cecil Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide for a national network of history and education programs that will enhance critical skills to improve reading and writing, as well as the historical literacy of students.

Project Name: National Writing Project
Request Amount: \$26,200,000
Intended Recipient: National Writing Project, 2105 Bancroft Way, #1042, Berkeley, CA 94720-1042

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide support for a national infrastructure that comprises more than 200 writing project sites that offer local schools and communities professional development. The National Writing Project serves all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Project Name: Reach Out and Read

Request Amount: \$10,000,000

Intended Recipient: Reach Out and Read, 6 Roland Street, Suite 100 D, Boston, MA 02129

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to promote literacy and language development in infants and young children. The program is targeted at disadvantaged and poor families and has been shown to encourage school readiness. Reach out and Read serves nearly 4 million students on an annual basis, however, many more children do not receive necessary support. Funding provided by Congress is matched by millions of dollars from state governments and the private sector.

Project Name: Reading is Fundamental

Request Amount: \$25,000,000

Intended Recipient: Reading Is Fundamental, 1825 Connecticut Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to provide programs that enhance child literacy. The program provides for millions of under served children with free books at more than 18,000 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Project Name: Teach for America

Request Amount: \$50,000,000

Intended Recipient: Teach for America, 315 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10018

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to recruit and train recent college graduates from all disciplines to teach in high poverty communities. The program aims to nearly double in size by 2016, providing nearly 17,000 teachers for under served students in all 50 states.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Project Name: Business Support Incubator

Request Amount: \$855,000

Intended Recipient: University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1200 North University Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used complete and equip a facility that will serve business support center and incubator. This plan will also redevelop a neighboring Brownfield site into a green Wi-Fi plaza that will serve as public and outside dining space for the UAPB-BSI Deli/Bistro. It will also provide grant and loan funds to start up and existing businesses to spur sustainable economic development through entrepreneurship along Main Street and University Drive.

Project Name: Crane Structure Repairs and Upgrade at Port of Yellow Bend

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority, 5718 Levee Rd N Hwy 208, Arkansas City, AR 71630

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to repair and upgrade the crane support structure within the port. This crane has sustained damages and is no longer functioning properly and effectively. Repairing and upgrading the crane will ensure that will be certified by port inspectors, which will allow the port to continue operations.

Project Name: Downtown Streetscape Project

Request Amount: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, AR, 200 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for streetscape improvements to support tourism, economic development, and public safety in the downtown area. This project is one of a collection of projects aimed at strengthening the long-term economic competitiveness of this city, county, and a considerable portion of the southeast Arkansas Delta region. This project contributes to the sustainable redevelopment of a regional employment center surrounding Lake Saracen, which is a prime location for living, working, and recreation.

Project Name: East North Street, Magnolia, AR

Request Amount: \$1,840,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to widen East North Street in Magnolia, improving access to Eastside Elementary School and to foster increased commercial activity. Currently, the street is too narrow for safe use by school buses, parents' cars and children walking to school. This project would also allow for better access to US 82 and US 79 for emergency service vehicles.

Project Name: Higdon Ferry Road Widening, Hot Springs, AR

Request Amount: \$2,300,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to widen Highway 88 between Highway 7 South and Highway 7 North in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This project will fulfill United States Department of Transportation objectives by enhancing safety, reducing congestion, providing global connectivity, promoting environmental stewardship and enhancing security by increasing mobility and preparedness for emergency first responders.

Project Name: I-30 and I-49 Frontage Roads

Request Amount: \$14,000,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for the extension of frontage roads to the new interchange between these highways in Texarkana, Arkansas. These frontage roads will provide accessibility to future developing properties while enhancing connectivity by reducing congestion around this major thoroughfare.

Project Name: I-49 in South Arkansas

Request Amount: \$5,000,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose:

Funding will be used toward the development and construction of Interstate 49 between the Arkansas/Louisiana state line and Mansfield, Arkansas. Once completed, I-49 will serve as a major national freight corridor linking manufacturing and agricultural centers and as an essential intermodal link for trade and commodity flow.

Project Name: I-530 Connector in South Arkansas

Request Amount: \$5,000,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to complete the I-530 extension southward 38 miles from Pine Bluff, Ark., to Drew County, Ark., to link to the future I-69, which when completed will serve as a major national freight corridor linking manufacturing and agricultural centers and as an essential intermodal link for trade and commodity flow.

Project Name: I-69 in South Arkansas

Request Amount: \$5,000,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used toward the development and construction of Interstate 69 in Arkansas. Once completed, I-69 will serve as a major national freight corridor linking manufacturing and agricultural centers and as an essential intermodal link for trade and commodity flow.

Project Name: Interstate 69/Great River Bridge: Highway 65/MS Highway 1

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to continue engineering, design, and right-of-way acquisition for the I-69/Great River Bridge. The bridge is an important component of the future I-69, which when completed will serve as a major national freight corridor linking manufacturing and agricultural centers and as an essential intermodal link for trade and commodity flow.

Project Name: Lake Saracen Trail

Request Amount: \$535,000

Intended Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 716 S. Georgia, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to build a pedestrian bridge for Lake Saracen trail that will link UAPB to Regional Park and the downtown business district. The trail represents a missing link for providing a safer, more direct bike route link between these areas and is a significant part of the revitalization plans for both downtown and the University Park neighborhood.

Project Name: Railroad Crossings on Highway 278 between Monticello, AR and Warren, AR

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority, P.O. Box 520, Warren, AR 71671

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for the construction of two crossings of railroad main lines, one crossing of the bulk products handling spur track, and related road transitions. These crossings of the main line track will open the south half of the site for development and allow for a better regional connection to the international marketplace.

Project Name: Rail Service to Port of Yellow Bend

Request Amount: \$4,500,000

Intended Recipient: Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority, 5718 Levee Rd N Hwy 208, Arkansas City, AR 71630

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for engineering and right-of-way acquisition to extend rail to the Port of Yellow Bend to maximize the benefits of the port. This will allow lower shipping costs and a higher amount of bulk goods and commodities to be handled by the port.

Project Name: River Port Grain Handling Facilities at Port of Yellow Bend

Request Amount: \$1,100,000

Intended Recipient: Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority, 5718 Levee Rd N Hwy 208, Arkansas City, AR 71630

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to install grain bins and related infrastructure needed to increase the shipping capacity of the port. This increase in shipping capacity would lower the cost of shipping for local farms.

Project Name: State of Arkansas Bus and Bus Facilities for Urban, Rural, and Elderly and Disabled Agencies

Request Amount: \$5,752,000

Intended Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to purchase buses and establish bus facilities for use throughout the state's urban and rural transportation systems. This funding would also be used to purchase vans and small buses for organizations serving the elderly and disabled. These purchases are necessary due to the recession and rising gas prices, public transportation is seeing an increase in demand.

Project Name: Texarkana Regional Airport Terminal Improvements

Request Amount: \$632,500

Intended Recipient: Texarkana Airport Authority, 201 Airport Dr., Texarkana, AR 71854

Project Purpose: Funding will be used to complete the design of a passenger terminal that will replace a poorly accessible half-century old building that is too small for current traffic and beyond cost-effective repair. The new structure will foster continued growth and economic development in the region by attracting new industrial prospects.

Project Name: Transloading Facility, Arkadelphia, AR
Request Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Southwest Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority, 2401 Pine Street, Suite B, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Project Purpose: Funding will be used for the planning, design and construction of an industrial park transloading facility to increase regional economic development. The project will serve as a catalyst for further economic growth in the area, maximizing effectiveness and efficiency of the regional transportation system while allowing rural areas to contribute to economic revitalization efforts.

-###-