

Rev. Larry William Camp received the call to preach at the tender age of seventeen, began preaching in 1975, and gained valuable professional guidance under Dr. Curtis L. Whitney, who had succeeded Dr. Lowe.

Rev. Larry William Camp assumed the pastorship of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1989, ushering in an age of expansion and development at the church, helping to purchase a new church van, to renovate the sanctuary and bathrooms, and to establish many new ministries, always with the theme of "Building Great Minds for a Greater Witness".

Brooklyn owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Rev. Larry William Camp, a leader in denominational work on every level of government and an inspiration for many young pastors in the community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Rev. Larry William Camp, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Rev. Larry William Camp.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, COPS-Meth

Recipient: Daviess County Sheriff's Department, 212 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 to the Daviess County Sheriff's Department to assist local law enforcement agencies to fight methamphetamine production and use. These funds will enable regional and local anti-drug agencies across the Second District to work together in their efforts to combat methamphetamine production. Methamphetamine use is on the rise for the first time in half a decade and local law enforcement must have the tools they need to combat this problem.

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Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6) Department of Justice, COPS—\$660,000 to the Clay County Sheriff for Clay and Platte Counties Communications Interoperability Project (Clay County: 1 Courthouse Square, Liberty, MO 64068, Platte County: 415 Third Street, Platte City, MO 64079)

One of the lessons learned from the tragedy of September 11th was the inability of first responders and public safety agencies to communicate. To meet the requirements of the National Telecommunications & Information Administration mandated that Tactical Interoperable Communications be operational by 2012, as designated by APCO.

As such, Clay and Platte counties in my congressional district have developed a Communications Interoperability Project (CIP). CIP will maximize resources by engineering and building extensive communication infrastructure capabilities, connecting more than 40 regional front line stakeholders together through a comprehensive integrated communications network. CIP's strategic plan encompasses all areas of public service, including but not limited to local law enforcement, fire and ambulance agencies, emergency management task force responders, hospitals, highway and road agencies, parks and water districts, as well as other public agencies engaged in delivering services to citizens.

In recent years, Clay and Platte counties have experienced a number of natural disasters, including flooding and tornadoes. These events impair first responder communication among municipal police, fire agencies and other public safety agencies, ultimate hampering rescue efforts.

As regional responders continue to tackle these problems head-on, funds have fallen short to ensure they are able to comply with the 2012 deadline. Based upon a 2005–2006 cross-county survey, a total of 3,373 units of varietal communication equipment are needed, plus 5 communication towers for Clay County and a minimum of 5 towers in Platte County. Due to Platte County's topography, up to 3 additional towers may be necessary for thorough, unimpaired interoperability communication coverage. The federal funds I have obtained will enable Clay and Platte counties to begin implementing plans to establish the only comprehensive communication infrastructure north of the Missouri River in the Kansas City regional area.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Justice, Byrne Grants—\$200,000 to the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation for the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug and Violent Offender Task Force (101 North Main, Cameron, MO 64429)

The Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation (NITRO) is a multi-jurisdictional drug and violent offender task force that began operating in 2002. NITRO, which includes a 16-county area of Northwest Missouri and MO-6th, is staffed by full-time law enforcement officers from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Maryville Public Safety Department and the Cameron Police Department. Additional law enforcement agencies participate on a case-by-case basis in their jurisdictions.

The federal funding obtained will be used to add four officers to the task force. Most local

law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to provide for a narcotic investigative unit, therefore NITRO provides a trained unit to the jurisdictions concentrating on drug traffickers and violent offenders.

The number one problem in Missouri is fighting the methamphetamine epidemic. Due to this problem, a few years ago I worked to get a DEA agent stationed in Northwest Missouri. These critical funds will assist my previous efforts and allow the task force to respond to regional emergencies, particularly when responding to methamphetamine lab busts. This team has been enormously effective in coordinating with local law enforcement in Northwest Missouri and helps makes our neighborhoods and schools safer for our children.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Justice, Byrne Grants—\$140,000 to Synergy Services for Community Response to Domestic Violence (400 East 6th Street, Parkville, MO 64152)

Synergy Services began in 1970 as Synergy House, the only shelter for runaway and homeless youth in western Missouri. Through the years the organization has expanded to provide a full continuum of care to assist individuals and families with immediate respite from violence, and services which provide these individuals with the tools they need to ensure future safety and success.

In 2008, Missouri law enforcement agencies confirmed over 32,000 incidents of domestic violence in the state, and this does not include the thousands of unreported incidents. In 2009, the total number of domestic violence incidents that were reported in Synergy's primary service area of Clay, Platte, Ray, and Jackson counties was approximately 2,700. This important federal funding will allow Synergy to expand its advocacy efforts and assist an additional 500 to 700 domestic violence victims in Missouri's 6th Congressional District.

The Community Response to Domestic Violence project, initiated by Synergy Services, consists of the agency's Court Services and Bridge/Safe Patient Advocacy Network (SPAN) programs to provide safety and security for women victims of domestic violence and prevent future incidences of family violence through improving coordinated community responses to victims in the civil/municipal courts and healthcare systems. First, the project will provide advocacy on a two-front approach, aimed at reaching and supporting more victims of domestic violence who are steering their way through the judicial. Secondly, since research has found most victims disclose domestic violence incidents to their healthcare providers, the Bridge/SPAN program provides comprehensive training and advocacy in area hospitals and clinics so that trained healthcare providers are able to respond effectively.

This coordinated community response will result in a more cost-effective means for providing critical advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, facilitate victims through the judicial process in a timely and less costly manner, and arrive at a conviction with stiffer penalties more quickly. The ultimate desired outcome is a decrease in recidivism once prosecution is successful.