

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozark Tri-County Health Care Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: 4301 Doniphan Drive, Neosho, MO 64850

Description of Request: \$476,000 would be used to construct a new Federally Qualified Health Center in Cassville, Missouri. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the Health Center will increase medical capacity and add full dental services to serve all of Barry County by moving from the current leased facility that provides only medical services.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Southern State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO, 64801

Description of Request: \$381,000 would be used for patient simulation equipment for education and training of all nursing and allied healthcare students. These simulators will allow students to become proficient in assessing patients, making decisions and implementing care in a real-life setting all without jeopardizing the health and safety of real patients. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because patient safety and outcome are critically dependent on the competence of healthcare personnel.

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: \$143,000 would be used for the Missouri Innovation Academy, an on-campus summer program for high school sophomores and juniors from low-income backgrounds. Students will live on the Missouri State University campus during the duration of the Academy. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because innovation will be the key to economic growth in the future and will involve the creation and application of technology to treat serious illness, address energy needs and other environmental challenges, increase national security, and introduce other inventions to improve the quality of life and stay competitive at the global level.

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: \$571,000 would be used for Ready to Learn, which is a partnership with the highly utilized Springfield/Greene County WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Clinic, Shady Dell Public Preschool and a collaboration of service providers. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this program creates pre-kindergarten academic, reading readiness and social and emotional skill development to the client population 0 to under 7 years (Missouri preschool age) and their families.

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Joplin Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 128, Joplin, MO 64802

Description of Request: \$143,000 would be used for Enhancing Joplin's Opportunities by

Preparing and Leading Instructional Networking, or eJOPLIN, which seeks to transform classrooms for all learners through high quality teaching powered by technology. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the funding would be used to provide elementary school students the opportunity to be in either an eMINTS classroom or an eJOPLIN classroom. These classrooms will include one computer for every four students, an LCD projector, a laptop computer for the teacher, a Smart Board, educational software and a networked printer.

Account: Museums & Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: \$143,000 would be used for the Digital Archives Initiative: Phase II, which will continue Missouri State University's efforts to develop high quality, accessible digital collections. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because people in Southwest Missouri will have access to larger collections with additional important links to Ozarks related people, places, and events. To date, grant funds have enabled the department to establish and implement a digital imaging program that focuses on important regional collections.

Account: Federal Highway Administration—(TCSP) Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozarks Transportation Organization

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65801

Description of Request: \$237,500 will be used for construction of Interchange Improvements at 60/65 including flyover ramps and a grade separated railroad crossing. Use of taxpayer funds is justified as this is the one of the most important interchanges in the region. There is a history of severe accidents and high traffic volumes. The current interchange configuration was not intended for the traffic volumes that are present.

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Joplin, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 602 S. Main St. Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: \$152,000 will be used to study the most effective way to provide improved access to I-44. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this project will provide access to I-44 for the commercial district. The commercial district would become enhanced and further developed, which would increase jobs and reduce vacancies and blight. The study for purpose and need as well as feasibility and location will provide the first step toward constructing this project.

Account: Federal Highway Administration—(TCSP) Transportation Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Taney County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 127 Main Street, Forsyth, MO 65653

Description of Request: \$427,000 will fund rehabilitation of the Route 76 bridge over Lake Taneycomo and a roundabout at the Route 76/Business Route 65 Interchange in Hollister. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as this project will address congestion relief, safety and infrastructure maintenance.

Account: Federal Highway Administration—(TCSP) Transportation & Community System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozarks Transportation Organization

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65801

Description of Request: \$1,187,500 will be used to fund safety and capacity improvements to the Route 60 Bridge over the James River in Greene County Missouri. Changing geological conditions have resulted in increased unforeseen costs for the project. Use of taxpayer funds is justified as this project is a project of regional significance on the statewide system. The bridge is being replaced in conjunction with the US60/US65 interchange improvement project, which is the number one priority within the Springfield region for both the OTO and MoDOT. This project already appears in the STIP and is ready to begin in early 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This \$280,000 request is for a Crime Lab Scanning Electron Microscope with Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) detector and X-Ray Fluorescence capabilities. The EDS detector can identify the major elemental composition of most materials examined as evidence in crimes. It is currently the only tool in the laboratory for such examinations. The addition of X-Ray Fluorescence capabilities increases the analysis sensitivity 10 to 100 times. This will support the Ventura County Sheriff's Regional Crime Lab, the only laboratory in Ventura County doing DNA profiling and analysis.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Methamphetamine Enforcement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This request of \$350,000 is for the purpose of providing funds for two California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine investigators. The Ventura County Combined Agency Task Force (VCAT) is a collaborative effort with city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies working toward the disruption, dismantlement, apprehension, and arrest of narcotic offenders and

drug trafficking organizations. Funding would be used for two Senior Deputy investigators that will be utilized to specifically target mid to large-scale methamphetamine dealers and manufacturers and will assist in funding vehicle costs and miscellaneous safety equipment for these two positions. These investigators will be assigned to the Special Services Division, Special Investigations Unit.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Lompoc

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA 93438

Description of Request: This request of \$825,000 is for the City of Lompoc's Gang Activity Surveillance Program (GASP), which aims to target early involvement in gang-related activities by Lompoc youth. The Lompoc Police Department does not have the necessary equipment and manpower to tackle this problem alone. GASP will require the purchase of a surveillance vehicle and surveillance cameras with wireless capability that can be interfaced with the City of Lompoc's existing infrastructure to monitor areas prone to gang activity.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Calleguas Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Olson Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Description of Request: The Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Plant will provide critical support to the mission of providing safe and reliable drinking water to the 600,000 people living in the District's service area. Each year, the District imports over 110,000 acre-feet of water through the California Water Project, and imports constitute 100 percent of Calleguas' supply. The \$2 million requested through the Bureau of Reclamation would provide the 25 percent Federal share to continue construction of a facility that will reclaim and reuse over 50,000 acre-feet of water annually. This recycled resource will replace water that otherwise would have to be imported, with the added benefit of water supply in case of delivery interruptions due to natural disasters or attacks on the imported water infrastructure. The funding for this project, authorized by P.L. 104–266, section 1616, will be used for development of a pipeline system that would collect and convey brackish groundwater and recycled water for direct use, stretching local water supplies. The project will facilitate the development of up to 50,000 acre feet of water, per year, for municipal and agricultural uses thereby reducing the need to import water to the region from Northern California.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: Matilija Dam is the largest dam in the country targeted for re-

moval. The project, authorized in P.L. 110–114, section 1001(10), will restore the ecosystem of the Ventura River, remove an obstacle preventing the endangered steelhead trout from migrating upstream to spawn and restore the natural flow of sand and sediment from the mountains to the beaches. The \$15 million requested will enable the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the project engineering, design and construction work required to move the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project towards the next stage of completion. Federal interest in this project and project cost-benefit ratios are documented in the conclusion section of the joint federal-local Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project Feasibility Study, completed in 2004 with an estimated total project cost of \$130 million. Project costs will be shared 65/35 between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: During flooding in 2005, large volumes of alluvium eroded from the banks of Santa Paula Creek and were transported downstream and deposited in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) fish ladder, damaging the facility and further impairing fish passage. This \$4 million funding request would be used by the USACE to fulfill their responsibility to clear the debris and make repairs to the fish ladder and other facilities in the affected area.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: Encompassing more than 1,600 square miles, the Santa Clara River watershed is the largest in Southern California and is divided into two almost equal parts by the Los Angeles-Ventura County line. Since 1991, a group of more than twenty-six stakeholders has been developing the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) for the 100-year floodplain. Recognizing the continued pressure of urbanization in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties that may affect the floodplain and environmental resources in the Santa Clara River Watershed, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Los Angeles County, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) agreed to cooperate in expanding the SCREMP to complete a feasibility study for the Santa Clara River Watershed Protection Plan. This request of \$2 million would represent the USACE's 50% share.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Maria

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 E. Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454

Description of Request: In order to protect the City of Santa Maria and the fertile Santa

Maria River basin, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) built the 26-mile Santa Maria River levee between 1959 and 1963 at a cost of roughly \$5.5 million. In 1998 a 600-foot breach occurred west of Santa Maria and flooded agricultural lands. Fortunately, the urban areas were not impacted. The USACE spent just under \$1 million at the time to close the breach and built four small groins that attempt to slow the current along that section of the levee. In changing its course, the Santa Maria River now attacks a portion of the levee directly opposite a large residential development. The USACE has stated that they will not provide 100-year flood certification, leaving the citizens of Santa Maria vulnerable. This request of \$8.5 million would provide funding to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore and certify the levee thereby saving the residents of Santa Maria from having to purchase expensive flood insurance. Santa Barbara County has estimated that it will cost roughly \$26 million to protect northern Santa Barbara County from flood damage.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Mental Health

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This request of \$230,000 is for the Ventura County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program. The CIT is comprised of specially trained law enforcement officers and communications specialists trained to respond to mentally ill persons in crisis. The goal of this program is to safely de-escalate crisis situations involving the mentally ill, reduce the use of incarceration to deal with mentally ill persons, and decrease recidivism by referring these persons to appropriate treatment. In addition to the coordination and teaching of a 40-hours of training, program activities include providing information to the local mental health department about police contacts with mentally ill individuals, carrying out quarterly mental health update trainings at Sheriff stations and police departments in Ventura County, conducting 8-hour mini-mental health trainings, and educating various community organizations about the CIT program and training.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State University, Channel Islands

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

Description of Request: The \$500,000 request is for the continued development of the Regional Clinical Simulation Technology Laboratory at California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI), currently the only four-year public institution of higher education in Ventura County. CSUCI is preparing to offer a much-needed registered nurse licensure program and a bachelor of science in nursing degree program. In order to address the need for more nurses, CSUCI will need a patient simulation laboratory as a way for students to participate in a wide variety of patient scenarios

and receive critique in a safe environment where repetition and reinforcement do not jeopardize patient safety. The initiative has support throughout the region, where this will be a one-of-a-kind facility.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thousand Oaks

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Description of Request: This request of \$5 million is for the widening of the US-101 and SR-23 Interchange from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road (US-101) and Hillcrest Drive (SR-23). The proposed improvements include the extension of existing auxiliary lanes in both directions, conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes, addition of a northbound lane, realignment and widening of ramps at the interchange, and the construction of soundwalls and retaining walls. The improvements are necessary to relieve congestion along the 101 and 23 Freeways in the City of Thousand Oaks. CalTrans recently began the three-year project to widen the Route 23 Freeway connecting to the 101/23 Interchange. Completion of the improvements is crucial to achieve the congestion benefits of the project. The Ventura County Transportation Commission considers both improvements as integral parts of a single congestion relief project. Since the widening of the freeway is now underway, the interchange improvement needs to move forward without delay.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Santa Barbara

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Description of Request: The Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building is owned by the County of Santa Barbara and serves as a community resource for the area's veterans, non-profit groups and other residents. Constructed in 1936, the building is home to several veterans groups. It is comprised of multiple offices, a large commercial kitchen, and two large halls that are able to accommodate hundreds of people. This request of \$865,000 is for a number of upgrades that would help bring the building up to code. They include improvements to make the building more accessible for people with disabilities, enhance safety features such as installation of fire rated doors and a fire alarm and sprinkler system, heating and plumbing improvements, asbestos and lead paint abatement, and the replacement of electric circuitry and the re-wiring of the building.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Paula

Address of Requesting Entity: 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060

Description of Request: This request for \$1.5 million is for the City of Santa Paula to assist with its plan to repair and expand public athletic facilities and gathering areas at Teague Park. The park, initially constructed in 1976, has served as the primary recreation area for the City of Santa Paula. Teague Park is the primary recreation and gathering site for the majority of Santa Paula residents. Santa Paula's rapid population growth has resulted in a significant strain on the park's resources and facilities. This heavy use has left the park dilapidated and unsafe. The improvements will provide safer sports facilities, along with safer, more accessible park amenities for non-sport uses.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, on February 19th, this nation will recognize the 67th Anniversary of the "Day of Remembrance." This was the day in 1942 that President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which led to the internment of over 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The President's decision to intern Americans was an avoidable consequence of racial prejudice and wartime hysteria. The government at all levels was blinded by war, and made decisions that were contrary to our Constitution. The failure of each branch of government to uphold the rights of individuals must be taught so that future generations resist succumbing to the politics of fear.

Because of one of the darkest periods of our Nation's history, we learned of the damage that can be done when we let the politics of fear cloud our judgment. Congress has not only recognized a Day of Remembrance, but it also supports and funds assembly center and internment site preservation as a physical reminder of past inequality.

Today, we recognize the historical significance of the Merced Assembly Center, located in Merced, California, where 4,669 Japanese-Americans were detained prior to being transferred to internment sites. My dear friend and colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, was held at the Merced Assembly Center prior to being interned.

It is important to preserve these sites to ensure that future generations can learn from past events in order to prevent anything like this from ever occurring again. The unveiling of the Merced Assembly Center on February 21, will allow the site to serve as a place for remembering the hardships endured by Japanese-Americans.

As we look back on a time in our Nation's history, and how our country has responded since, we should have hope for the future. Around the world, human rights violations continue unabated. Yet, we can combat this by working with a single purpose towards a future wherein every person, regardless of race, gender, nationality or creed enjoys equal treatment in this world.

And today, 67 years after the signing of Executive Order 9066, we must renew our commitment to bringing these rights to all people.

Though the internment remains one of the darkest periods in our Nation's history, preservation like the Merced Assembly Center help to remind us of the distinctly American power of redemption. Our collective commitment to fairness and justice is the only way to prevent such a blatant form of injustice from ever becoming a reality again.

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act, which would require standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs for teens with behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems.

When families struggle with a troubled teen, many eventually look to private or public residential programs for help. Parents deserve to know that their child will be safe and in good hands. However, in some states residential facilities are subject to state law or regulation, but in other states they are not. Because of the resulting loose patchwork of state oversight and lack of accountability, at some programs, young people have been subject to abuse and neglect. In a small number of cases, this abuse and neglect has led to the death of a child.

The Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act sets new national standards to prohibit abuse and neglect and increases transparency to help parents make safer choices for their children. The bill also holds teen residential programs accountable for violating the law and asks states to step in to protect teens in these programs.

We have an obligation to keep teens safe, especially when they and their families are battling behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems. I hope that this legislation will support families in their pursuit of the health and well-being of their children.

TRIBUTE TO JACK POLLOCK

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a fellow Nebraskan who made our state proud in so many ways. Jack Pollock, from the town of Ogallala, Nebraska, was long a fixture in the Nebraska newspaper industry and an inductee to the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, Jack passed away earlier this week. My heart goes out to his wife, Beverly, and his family.

Each year, the NEBRASKAland Foundation celebrates Nebraska's entrance into the union.