

teachers, and expand the health sciences at Harcum.

Neumann College, Aston, PA—\$200,000 requested for Pharmacy Education for Workforce Development in Aston and Phoenixville.

Downingtown Library Company & Downingtown Area Senior Center Building Campaign, Downingtown, PA—\$350,000 to redevelop an existing mill building on the former Sonoco Paper property. This forms an important civic hub for the community as well as the proposed River Station redevelopment project.

Phoenixville Public Library, Phoenixville, PA—\$157,000 to update the library's collection.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services account for the Access Community Health Center Career Laddering Program. The entity to receive the \$400,000 in funding for this project is the Access Community Health Network, 1501 S. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to create an innovative career training and advancement framework for healthcare employees. ACCESS employs close to 450 entry level workers, the majority of whom have no college education and many of whom are recruited because their "peer" status is an asset in helping medically underserved patients enter and navigate the health system. ACCESS is proposing an integrated strategy for employee career advancement by deploying two tandem strategies: developing career ladders with internal training programs; and providing scholarships for employees that show educational promise, combined with mentoring to integrate educational attainment into career advancement at ACCESS. The majority of these 450 workers are minorities, many with families, and some who are single parents working two jobs to survive in the current economy. Most have not had the resources to consider pursuing their education, and for those who have had formal training (such as medical assistants), pursuit of a four-year degree has been beyond reach. This funding will bring practical relief and assistance to those served by ACCESS by empowering the employees to grow to be even better health professionals. In the midst of the current challenges in our healthcare system, and the debate over reform, we can all agree that a more educated and advancing healthcare workforce will better serve Americans.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education account for the Elgin Community College Health Careers Center of Excellence. The entity to re-

ceive the \$100,000 in funding for this project is the Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for curriculum research and development and the acquisition of instructional equipment. Sixty percent of the nation's new registered nurses and the majority of allied health professionals receive their training through community colleges. ECC is graduating the future employees of hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, schools and dentists' all across the Chicago region. As we debate health reform, we must also keep in mind that the nation faces a healthcare workforce shortage. The demand for healthcare job training is so high that ECC turns away more applicants every semester than it is able to enroll. Hospitals and healthcare providers across the country have staffing shortages, and ECC can help. This much-needed funding will help ECC meet the healthcare staffing needs burdening our current system.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3293, Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration account for the DuPage County Start the Heart Program. The entity to receive the \$100,000 in funding for this project is the Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123. The entity to receive the \$150,000 in funding for this project is the DuPage County Health Department, 111 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to educate the public on how to reduce fatality rates from sudden cardiac arrest and expand access to AEDs throughout area communities. The leading cause of death in DuPage County is Heart Disease. While many of these deaths are attributed to chronic disease there is an opportunity to reduce deaths related to sudden cardiac arrest. Currently, one person dies every two minutes from sudden cardiac death, and the national survival rate is only 6% to 7%. Some areas of the country have seen positive trends increasing the survival rate, directly linked to public health campaigns that focus on increasing the numbers of individuals trained in CPR and creating greater access to Public Access Defibrillators (AEDs). Survival rates double in locations with access to AEDs. The Start the Heart Campaign is a collaborative, community-based partnership with the Midwest Heart Foundation (a group established by area physicians), local governments, education, and healthcare leaders. The goals are to increase the number of citizens who are trained in CPR and to increase the public access to AEDs. The healthcare costs related to survivors of delayed defibrillation are very high as these individuals require long rehabilitative therapy or long term skilled care. Costs related to families that lose mothers or fathers prematurely can be recognized in many social programs that support unplanned loss of income. This much needed funding will bring enhanced safety and health security to the people of DuPage County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 3293.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096, USA

Description of Request: I received \$350,000 for Southwestern Oklahoma State College. The funding for this project will be used to purchase equipment for the Industrial and Engineering Technology Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State College. This equipment will ensure that the program is technologically current and maintains a high quality of education. In addition, it enables the program to continue to strengthen Oklahoma's industrial and engineering technology workforce.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Oklahoma State College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2801 N Main St., Altus, Oklahoma 73521, USA

Description of Request: I received \$100,000 for Western Oklahoma State College to upgrade its campus security system. The funding for this project will be used for technology and equipment upgrades in order to implement a campus-wide emergency mass notification and campus access plan. Improvements will include campus security cameras, email and text-messaging emergency notification, campus-wide panic buttons, wall-mounted strobe lights for color-coded notification system, and smart-card access to campus entrances.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107, USA

Description of Request: I received \$300,000 for Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences. The funding for this project will be used to expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network. Additionally, it will bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or manmade disasters.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

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