

Appropriations Fiscal Year 2010

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"I believe that elected representatives of the people understand their constituents and districts best." - Rep. John P. Murtha

The responsible application of earmarked funds has widespread benefits for our communities, our state, and our nation. Earmarks support renewable energy, higher education, health care and medical research, military construction, environmental protection, infrastructure, and transportation initiatives that otherwise wouldn't receive funding from the federal government.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, and as Chairman of its Defense Subcommittee, I receive thousands of earmark requests each year. Every request is properly reviewed and vetted through a lengthy and thorough process. In the end, we only recommend funding those that are cost-effective and provide a worthy service or product to the taxpayer.

The federal appropriations process involves 12 separate bills. For your information, below is a list of the earmarks I have requested from the House Appropriations Committee for Fiscal Year 2010, categorized by applicable Appropriations Bill.

AGRICULTURE

• Natural Biodiversity, 430 Main Street, 4th Floor, Johnstown, PA 15901. I am requesting \$300,000 for the Natural Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Kiski Basin. The funding would be used to continue efforts to restore stream-bank habitat and improve water quality in the Kiski-Conemaugh River Basin and adjacent areas.

• The Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802. I am requesting \$550,000 for the Penn State Enhanced Dairy Farm Profitability Program. The funding would be used to improve the profitability of dairy farms by addressing issues with energy costs, compliance with air and water quality regulations, poor herd reproductive performance, and herd health.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE

• Fayette County, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for Fayette County, Pennsylvania Public Safety Equipment Upgrade. The funding would be used to enable Fayette County and its dispatching center to purchase a completely new digital communications site that will improve communications and interoperability between the County 911 center and the 90 police, fire, and ambulance companies that receive dispatch

services.

• Indiana County, 825 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA 15701. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Indiana County Public Safety Radio Communications Project. The Funding will provide the residents and public safety personnel of Indiana County with a high quality emergency communications service and will improve communications between emergency services personnel during natural disasters and critical events.

• Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705. I am requesting \$1,100,000 for the Correctional Education Clearinghouse and Educational Program. The funding would be used to continue development and implementation of a comprehensive teaching standard and graduate degree to assist correctional instructors teaching in our nation's prison system. The goal of the program is to reduce prison inmate recidivism, increase employability of inmates upon release and strengthen the capabilities of the teachers who educate in our nation's prison systems.

• Police Departments in Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. I am requesting \$2,000,000 for Southwestern Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Technologies. The funding would be used to provide police departments with computer and other equipment that is deemed essential to effectively handling emergencies, disasters, and even routine calls. There exists a desperate need for equipment upgrades that will assist small police departments and other emergency responders in the management of their workloads and provide for shared communications amongst various responders.

• Saint Francis University, 117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940 and St. Vincent College, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650.
I am requesting \$350,000 for the Saint Francis University Center for Global Competitiveness. The funding would be used to assist small businesses throughout nine counties of Pennsylvania in exploring new and expanded international and domestic marketing opportunities.

DEFENSE

• Advanced Acoustic Concepts, 1080 Eberly Way, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456. I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the Submarine Navigation Decision Aids. The funding would be used to improve submarine navigation, including route planning and vulnerability management, on the Virginia Class submarines.

• Argon ST, 90 Laurel View Drive, Smithfield, PA 15478. I am requesting \$8,000,000 for AN/SLQ-25D Integration. The funding would be used to upgrade the current Naval torpedo defense capabilities, which will enhance ship survivability against modern threat torpedo attack.

• Compass Systems, Mt. Airy Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904. I am requesting \$3,500,000 for the Hand-held Apparatus for Mobile Mapping and Expedited Reporting. This funding will provide multiple agencies in DoD with a tool that enables a more rapid, accurate, efficient, lower cost, collection, analysis and dissemination of digital data from multiple sensor suites and rapid reporting for improved communication.

• Exceptional Parent, 416 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901. I am requesting \$800,000 for Exceptional Family Transitional Training Program for U.S. Military Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen. This funding would extend and expand Exceptional Parent's successful work with military families using print, online, and interactive resources for those with a wide array of disabilities. These tools and educational programs will be provided to military health care professionals, families, and those with special needs.

• ESRI, 1407 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 200, Johnstown, PA 15904. I am requesting \$2,600,000 for the Optimization of the U.S. Army Topographic Data Management Enterprise. This funding would be used to provide the Army with a common set of data models for terrain and tactical data entities. This will allow the Army to provide commanders and soldiers with a deeper understanding of the battlespace by enabling consideration of geospatial factors.

• Feather Lite Breaks, LLC., 1378 Old State Route, 119 South, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. I am requesting \$3,800,000 for the Titanium Powder Advanced Forged Parts Program. This funding would be used to manufacture cost-effective, lightweight, high performance titanium forged powder rotors for military ground vehicles.

• Gautier Steel, 80 Clinton Street, Johnstown PA 15901. I am requesting \$8,100,000 for Armor and Structures Transformation Initiative-Steel to Titanium. This funding would be used to provide the DoD Industrial Base with immediate rolling/conversion capability for low-cost, armor grade titanium.

• Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705. I am requesting \$1,300,000 for Rapid Forensic Evaluation of Microbes in Biodefense. The funding would be used to give military and first responders the ability to rapidly detect bio-threat agents using an ultra-sensitive single application detection method that can be used for an range of Bioterrorism agents.

• KDH Defense Systems, Inc., 401 Broad Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. I am requesting \$2,200,000 for Body Armor Improved Ballistic Protection, Research and Development. The funding would be used to develop improved light body armor, providing greater underarm, side, arm, and leg protection to stop high velocity rounds.

• MTS Technologies, Inc., 1 Tech Park Drive, Suite 200, Johnstown, PA 15901. I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology. The funding would be used to continue development of a military vehicle diagnostic and readiness system that will improve the scheduling of maintenance and repairs, reduce logistics costs, and provide safer vehicles for our troops.

• Nokomis Inc., 310 5th Street, Charleroi, PA 15022. I am requesting \$6,000,000 for the AELED IED/WMD Electronic Signature Detection. The funding would be used to continue development of detection, identification, and anti-IED technology.

• Optical Systems Technology Inc., 110 Kountz Lane, Freeport, PA 16229. I am requesting \$4,000,000 for the Military Lens System Fabrication and Assembly. The funding would be used to create a domestic high-capacity production capability for cost-effective advanced military optical components.

• The Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802. I am requesting \$2,900,000 for the Non-Lethal Defense Technologies. The funding would be used to develop new non-lethal technologies to maintain public safety without being forced to use lethal means in hostile environments.

• Pittsburgh Electric Engines Inc., 402 East Main Street, Suite 800, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. I am requesting \$4,000,000 for the Turbo Fuel Cell Engine. This funding would be used to continue the design of a drop-in replacement for the current diesel engine with a turbo fuel cell engine that produces greater power while reducing fuel consumption.

• Planning Systems Inc., 404-A W Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. I am requesting \$2,300,000 for the Joint Precision AirDrop Systems-Wind Profiling Portable Radar (WPPR). This funding would be used to deliver next generation precision airdrop capabilities, which will enable aircrews to drop payloads accurately on the first pass and enhance aircraft/aircrew survivability.

• RJ Lee Group, 100 Evergreene Drive, Suite 101, Waynesburg, PA 15370. I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Engine Health Management Plus Data Repository Center. This funding would be used to continue development of a system that integrates and centralizes Air Force engine data and applications, allowing engineers and maintainers to see the wear/health/performance of engine fleet data, resulting in cost savings by reducing unnecessary maintenance.

• Trident Systems, Uniontown Development Center, National City Building, 2 West Main Street, Suite 800, Uniontown, PA 15401.

I am requesting \$3,500,000 for the Affordable Miniature FOPEN Radar for Special Operations Craft – Riverine (SOC-R). With the re-emphasized importance of littoral missions, this funding would be used to deliver a radar capable of penetrating the foliage in riverine and coastal environments at ranges consistent with mission parameters, and can operate in all light levels during any type of weather.

• Ultra Electronics, 4020 Vision Way, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456. I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the GAPS/AWS Horizontal Integration. The funding would be used to provide the

Joint Forces Component Command for Global Strike with a user-defined program that allows commanders to see 3D visualizations overlaid with military ground, sea and air assets.

• UFR/QTL Chem Bio Defense Systems, 1040 Eberly Way, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456. I am requesting \$3,500,000 for the Remote Bio-Medical Detector (RBMD). This funding would be used to continue development of a remote bio-medical detector that can quickly detect different chemical/protein agents in a cardiac arrest situation. This will allow combat medics to deliver appropriate care, which significantly reduces misdiagnosis and further damage to the heart.

• University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Framework for Electronic Health Record-Linked Predictive Models. This funding would be used to develop and implement a predictive diagnostics and therapeutics project that uses "Smart" electronic health records to optimize care for civilian and military patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

ENERGY AND WATER

• Pennsylvania Environmental Council, 22 Terminal Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. I am requesting \$458,000 for the Mined Land Reclamation for Biomass Production Demonstration Project. The funding would be used to demonstrate the viability of growing switch grass on mine lands for harvest as biofuel.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I am requesting \$10,000,000 for the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure Program. The funding would be used to initiate the design and construction of water related environmental infrastructure projects in South Central Pennsylvania. The need for environmental infrastructure improvements is great and the funds provided will be used to improve wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage treatment and distribution facilities, and surface water resource protection and development.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I am requesting \$4,500,000 for the Section 581 West Virginia and Pennsylvania Flood Control Program. The funding would be used for implementation of structural and nonstructural flood control, stream bank protection, storm water management and channel clearing and modification measures in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I am requesting \$100,000 for Chartiers Creek Watershed, Pennsylvania. The funding would be used by the Corps to initiate a reconnaissance study.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I am requesting that the funding in the President's budget be held for the Lower Mon Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 Program. The funding will be used to continue a multi-year replacement of the aging locks and dams on the Monongahela River.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I am requesting \$100,000 for the Paint Creek, Windber, PA, Section 205 Flood Damage Reduction Program. The funding would be used to initiate flood reduction in the Paint Creek Watershed.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

• Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Fifth Floor Suite 510, Greensburg, PA 15601. I am requesting \$300,000 for the Defense Procurement Assistance Program. The funding would be used to provide small and medium size businesses with additional support for all phases of the government contracting and acquisition process.

• The Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG), 100 Technology Drive, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. I am requesting \$800,000 for The Tech Belt Biosciences Initiative (TBBI). The funding would be used to assist and support the start-up of bioscience companies in western Pennsylvania.

• The Progress Fund, 425 West Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the Technical Assistance for Small Businesses. The funding would provide technical assistance and business planning services to small businesses throughout southwestern Pennsylvania and the surrounding region.

HOMELAND SECURITY

• MobilVox, Inc., 1150 Grant Street, Indiana, PA 15701. I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the IED-Geospatial Analysis Tool Plus. The funding would be used for a strategic planning and response tool allowing law enforcement to train and respond to situations created by the domestic threat of RCIEDs, specifically those used against domestic critical infrastructure and key population centers. FY10 funding will allow the technology to be tested with law enforcement agents in numerous scenarios and against various critical infrastructure targets. Funding will also meet DHS objectives, which recommend accelerating high-priority counter-IED technologies and standardization of RCIED response capabilities.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT

• Battelle, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Acid Mine Drainage Value Extraction Process. The funding would develop a system to rehabilitate Acid Mine Drainage, and therefore clean up local waterways, without producing a waste sludge.

• Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, 401 Candlelight Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15931.

I am requesting \$800,000 for the Path of the Flood Trail Connecting Johnstown Flood National Memorial to Johnstown project. The funding will provide design and construction of two missing links in the Path of the Flood Trail connecting Johnstown Flood National Memorial and the Staple Bend Tunnel unit of Allegheny-Portage Railroad National Historic Site, as well as the Johnstown Flood Museum and the City of Johnstown.

• City of Lower Burrell Municipal Authority, 2800 Bethel Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

I am requesting \$1,200,000 for the Wildlife Lodge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project in fiscal year 2010. The funding will provide public wastewater disposal to 100 residents by installing approximately 28,000 ft. of sanitary sewer pipe.

• Tri-County Joint Municipal Authority, 26 Monongahela Avenue, Fredrickstown, PA 15335.

I am requesting \$393,000 for the Tri-County Joint Municipal Authority Water Treatment Plant Backwash Facility. The funding would improve existing public water capacity and services to the 10,000 people the Authority serves with the construction of a new filter backwash facility.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION

• Excela Health, Frick Hospital, 508 South Church Street, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666.

I am requesting \$750,000 for the Digital Mammography. The funding would be used to develop a breast care center that includes digital mammography and ultrasound imaging.

• Highlands Hospital, 401 E. Murphy Avenue, Connellsville, PA 15425.

I am requesting \$600,000 for the Highlands Hospital Emergency Department Expansion. The funding would be used for a much needed expansion of the hospital's emergency department.

• Indiana Regional Medical Center, 835 Hospital Road, Indiana, PA 15701.

I am requesting \$500,000 for the Indiana Regional Medical Center's Electronic Medical Record Initiative. The funding would be used to implement an Electronic Medical Record system that reduces errors, wait times and costs.

• Johnstown Area Regional Industries, 245 Market Street, Johnstown, PA 15901.

I am requesting \$250,000 for the Johnstown Area Regional Industries Workforce Development project. The funding would be used to expand workforce development programs to include increased training opportunities and work experiences for entrepreneurs, new hires, and incumbent and displaced workers.

• Mon Valley YMCA, 101 Taylor Run Road, Monongahela, PA 15063.

I am requesting \$300,000 for the Mon Valley YMCA "Ready to be Fit" Program. The funding would be used to increase recreational services and educational programs for low income families so that they can start living a healthier lifestyle.

• Mon Valley Hospital, 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, PA 15063.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for Monongahela Valley Hospital Diagnostic Radiologic Equipment. The funding would be used to replace key pieces of diagnostic equipment (mammography units, a fluoroscopy unit, and cystoscopy

equipment) that are essential to the hospital's continued ability to serve its community.

• UMWA Career Centers, Inc., 640 Jefferson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Enhanced Mining Skill and Safety Training program. The funding would be used to provide basic and advanced technical training to miners and mining occupations to enhance the level of job skills and safety knowledge.

• Uniontown Hospital, 500 West Berkeley Street, Uniontown, PA 15401.

I am requesting \$650,000 for the Demonstration Project for the Delivery of Emergency Cardiac Care to Individuals in Remote Geographic Locations. The funding would be used to complete the creation of an advanced cardiac patient diagnostic treatment in the hospital's new emergency department.

• Waynesburg University, 51 W. College Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

I am requesting \$500,000 for the Waynesburg University Equipment Acquisition project. The funding would be used to upgrade technology and equipment for the University Science Hall.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

• Armstrong County, Courthouse Administration Building, 450 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for F.L.A.G. (Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group) Main Street Project. The funding would be used to improve the main business districts, including front façade, street, sidewalk, and lighting improvements of the multi-municipal group.

• Armstrong County Department of Planning & Development, 402 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.

I am requesting \$750,000 for the Ford City Downtown Project. The funding would be used for downtown rehabilitation including street improvements and installations of new sidewalks, ADA curb cuts, lighting, trees and tree grates, trash containers, and park benches.

• Armstrong County Department of Planning & Development, 402 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Kittanning Downtown Revitalization. The funding would be used for the revitalization of Kittanning's Central Business District.

• California University of Pennsylvania, 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the California University of Pennsylvania Sky Shuttle System. The funding would be used to provide engineering and design, environmental work, and construction of the Sky Shuttle System.

• City of Washington, 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for an Intermodal Transit Facility/ East Chestnut Street Garage, Washington County, Pennsylvania. The funding would be used to develop an Intermodal Transit Center that includes a 100-space park & ride and a bus transfer area.

• Fayette County, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401.

I am requesting \$2,200,000 for the Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport Runway Safety Area Project, Connellsville, Pennsylvania. The funding would be used to increase the length of the current runway, to accommodate larger aircraft, and to upgrade the existing runway signage and electrical system.

• Fayette County, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Route 21 Transportation Improvement Project. The funding would be used to rebuild a portion of Route 21 in Fayette County, one of the region's most dangerous corridors.

• Greene County Department of Economic Development, 49 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. I am requesting \$500,000 for Greene County Airport Business Park. The funding would be used to develop a business park at the County airport to attract future economic growth.

• Greene County Department of Economic Development, 49 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for Greene County Interstate 79/Mt. Morris Interchange. The funding would be used to make improvements to the current interchange, which will enhance safety and allow for the development of a future business park.

• Indiana County, 825 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA 15701. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for U.S. Route 422 Safety Improvements Project, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The funding will help to enhance U.S. Route 422 and will provide safe travel conditions for the movement of people and goods along a major corridor through rural Pennsylvania.

• Indiana County-Jimmy Stewart Airport, 398 Airport Road, Indiana, PA 15701. I am requesting \$2,500,000 for the Indiana County - Jimmy Stewart Airport Runway Extension. The funding would be used for construction of a new runway to increase air traffic and assist with the retention and attraction of business and industry.

• Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1 011 South Drive, John Sutton Hall, Indiana, PA 15705. I am requesting \$4,000,000 for the Kovalchick Complex. The funding would be used to continue construction of a multi-purpose convention complex in Indiana, PA.

• Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, 1300 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for an Intermodal Transit Facility in Donora, Pennsylvania. The funding would be used to renovate and construct an intermodal transit facility for the Authority.

• Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, One Museum Road, Washington, PA 15301. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Pennsylvania Trolley Heritage Complex. The funding would be used to expand the trolley complex to accommodate more visitors and enhance the cultural heritage and economic impact of Washington County.

• Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, P.O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106. I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the Pennsylvania Mon/Fayette Expressway, Uniontown to Brownsville Project. The funding would be used for continuing construction of a 17-mile section of a 100-mile re-development highway system. It will close the gap and carry commercial and residential traffic between two already-completed sections.

• Washington County Redevelopment Authority, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 603, Washington, PA 15301. I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Phoenix Business Park - Main Entry Road Project. The funding will be used to begin construction on a site that, once completed, will provide over 1,000 long term jobs in the economically distressed Monongahela Valley.

• Westmoreland County Historical Society, 41 West Otterman Street, Suite 310, Greensburg, PA 15601.

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for History & Education Center at Historic Hanna's Town. The funding would be used for designing and constructing a local history center.

• Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Fifth Floor, Suite 502, Greensburg, PA 15601.

I am requesting \$150,000 for the Borough of Vandergrift Downtown Revitalization. The funding would be used to acquire and rehabilitate numerous vacant downtown storefronts for reuse.

• Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Fifth Floor, Suite 502, Greensburg, PA 15601.

I am requesting \$500,000 for Improvements to the Intersection of SR 356 and Williams Road, Allegheny Township. The funding would be used for the acquisition of right-of-way property, relocation of various utilities and excavating the hillside at the intersection of SR 356 and Williams Road to increase site distance and ultimately improve driver safety.