

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:
City of Denton – Denton Public Safety Training Facility
2. Please describe the project and its purpose:
The requested funding will be used to equip a regional public safety training facility in the City of Denton.
3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:
The total project cost is \$19.26 million; the City of Denton is constructing the facility at a cost of \$14.8 million.

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):
The Denton Public Safety Facility will provide first responders from the City of Denton and throughout the region with a state-of-the-art training facility. It will also facilitate regional cooperation and training exercises. It will also train individuals for available public safety officer positions throughout North Texas, helping local governments meet local public safety goals and federal homeland security goals.
2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:
The project will provide local and regional first responder with a state-of-the-art training facility and will help regional training and cooperation. It will also train individuals for available public safety officer positions throughout North Texas, helping local governments meet local public safety goals and federal homeland security goals.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:
\$4,100,000
2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:
Department of Justice
3. Account from which you are requesting funds:
Byrne Discretionary/COPS Technology

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IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?
The total project cost is \$19,260,000 - \$4,452,000 federal (22%) and \$14,808,000 City of Denton (20%). The City of Denton has paid \$2.03 million for the 88-acre site of the facility, \$205,000 on the master plan for the facility and the City Council has approved \$12,600,000 to construct the facility.
2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.
Yes, \$352,000 in FY 2008.
3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.
Yes, the City of Denton has paid \$2.03 million for the 88-acre site of the facility, \$205,000 on the master plan for the facility and the City Council has approved \$12,600,000 to construct the facility.
4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.
Yes, the City of Denton is committed to funding this project.
5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?
The requested funding will be used to equip the Denton Regional Public Training Facility, including computers, simulation equipment and technology.
6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.
The project is eligible for Omnibus Safe Streets & Crime Control Act.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).
The project enjoys widespread support and letters of support will be provided.
2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).
No.
3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.
The project is scheduled to be complete in early 2009.

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VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?
John Cabrales, City of Denton Public Information/Government Relations Office
2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):
940-349-8509
john.cabrales@cityofdenton.com
3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?
City of Denton
215 East McKinney
Denton TX 76201

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PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, Perry McNeill, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF the City of Denton MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

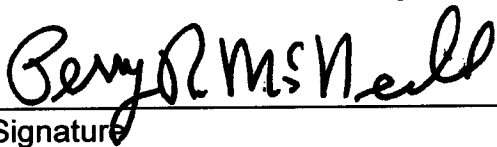
Name of person certifying: **Perry McNeill**

Title of person certifying: **Mayor of Denton**

Project name as it will appear in the bill: **Denton Public Safety Training Facility**

Legal name of entity making request: **City of Denton, Texas**

Address: **215 East McKinney, Denton, Texas 76201**



Signature

3-7-08

Date