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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The following contains the details regarding the requests I am submitting to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration and possible funding. My office received dozens of requests totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. We will not submit all of them, only projects that create or protect jobs in the district, protect our men and women serving in the military, rebuild critical infrastructure, fight crime, improve our local health care system, prevent flooding or provide for other critical local needs. All of the projects went through careful vetting from my office as well as associated agencies. These items all represent a substantive need from Bucks, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties, the Department of Defense, state, local and federal agencies, hospitals, townships and/or municipalities. These projects met at least two important criteria in our review: 1) is it good for the people, economy and future of the 8th District of Pennsylvania? and 2) is it good for the country and/or our military? I strongly believe that a crucial part of my job is to secure funds for such vital priorities as flood prevention for our communities, resources for our first responders and the newest technology for our armed forces to name just a few. I will keep working to make this process transparent and as beneficial as possible for the 8th District of Pennsylvania.

The following projects are listed by category and alphabetically. The projects in each category will be submitted to a specific appropriations subcommittee for review and possible funding. I will seek to secure funding for each project, understanding that the Appropriations Committee will make final decisions about which projects receive funding, and at what level. If project funding is included in an Appropriations bill in the House, that is NOT a guarantee of federal support. Once the House passes a bill, it must be reconciled with a Senate version and signed into law by the President.

Fighting for Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Intended Recipient: A Woman's Place

Location:

1270 Almshouse Rd.
Doylestown, PA 18901

Name of Project: Dating Violence Prevention Education

Project Description:

A Woman's Place (AWP), Bucks County's only domestic violence organization, will partner with Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) to design and deliver comprehensive dating violence prevention education programs, with the primary focus being youth, ages 12 – 24, and their families. This project will address risk factors to reduce incidents of dating violence while engaging the community and building its capacity to respond to and prevent dating violence.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the impact of violence on the broader community is devastating, both economically and socially. In 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control estimated the cost of intimate partner violence at \$5.8 billion. The cost to the youth in the 8th District of Pennsylvania cannot only be measured in dollars. Dating violence can have long-lasting or permanent effects. Girls who have been victims of dating violence have an increased risk of being in abusive relationships as adults and are also at an increased risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and suicide. Through education and prevention, we can reduce these risks and associated costs. The request amount is one-hundred eighty-five thousand, one-hundred and six dollars.

Support for This Project:

“A Woman’s Place’s prevention education and training programs are a vital resource to the Bucks County community and are an essential component in combating the insidious violence that threatens our families.”

- Michael A. Murphy, Senior Pastor, Doylestown United Methodist Church

“...We are committed to working with A Woman’s Place to collaborate on the provision of dating violence programs in Bucks County.”

-Kathy Bennett, Associate Director, NOVA

Intended Recipient: Bucks County Community College

Location:

275 Swamp Road
Newtown, PA 18940

Name of Project: Public Safety Training Center

Project Description:

This project seeks to ensure that the Bucks County Public Safety Training Center is equipped with the necessary resources and technology to fully outfit the training facility, including state-of-the-art training simulators to provide real-life scenarios for all first responders. Many municipalities in the county currently have limited accessibility to training facilities. This project will provide critically-needed training for police and other first responders in Bucks County and surrounding counties. Access to training for newer technologies, interoperable communications and strategies will ensure that police and other first responders are well prepared to respond to critical incidents and continue to protect our communities. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because local communities will save money by planning and participating in training events together at a single location, and taxpayer dollars will be reinvested right in our own community for our well-being and safety. The request amount is nine hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

“The facility will exponentially increase the amount, type and quality of training for those who attend, and also, as it is centrally and regionally located, it will keep fire protection and first responder assets locally available if they are needed to respond to any emergencies that require them to do so.”

-Robert Hedden, Chairman, Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center Committee

"Progressive and continued training allows our first responders to respond and react to all types of emergencies that occur each day in our communities. Thank you for your continued support and thank you for providing the means to educate our first responders."

- Joe Velten, President, Bucks County Fire Chiefs' and Firefighters Association

Intended Recipient: Lower Makefield Township Police Department

Location:

1100 Edgewood Rd.
Yardley, PA 19067

Name of Project: Bucks County Security Threat Group

Project Description:

The participating law enforcement agencies that make up the BCSTG are the following: Bensalem Township, Bristol Township, Morrisville Borough, Lower Makefield Township, Tullytown Borough and Yardley Borough. These communities are experiencing gang activity in the forms of crimes ranging from minor thefts to weapons offenses and aggravated assaults. This coalition will combat gangs in the communities by coordinating a five (5) pronged approach consisting of: Information Gathering, Establishment of an Anonymous Gang Tip Hotline, a Uniformed & Plainclothes Police Response, Coordinated Investigations of Gang Related Crimes, and, finally, a Training and Awareness Program for the Parent / Teacher Organizations at local schools. The request amount is five-hundred thousand dollars. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will help local law enforcement agencies in Bucks County to stop the infiltration of gangs and protect the public from violent crime.

Support for This Project:

"This grant has been invaluable in providing the resources and money that is necessary to combat this ever evolving problem in Bucks County."

-Christa McConaghy, President, Lower Makefield Township Neighborhood Watch Association

Intended Recipient: Middletown Township

Location:

3 Municipal Way
Langhorne, PA 19047

Name of Project: Emergency Operations Center Security Hardening Initiative

Project Description:

This project will make the Middletown Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility more secure and ensure compliance with federal standards. The request amount is one hundred ninety one thousand and three hundred dollars. The EOC not only serves the municipality, but is also a primary backup facility for 200,000 people in Southeastern Pennsylvania and serves the city of Philadelphia as an evacuation point.

The EOC currently lacks a secure access system, current technological equipment to meet the standards of the National Incident Management System and secure rooms for important briefings and planning. The project will include the implementation of a key card entry system and security cameras, updated

technological equipment to create a more secure system, construct secure briefing rooms and make improvements to the infrastructure of the EOC.

Taxpayers in the 8th district of Pennsylvania will benefit greatly from the Middletown Township EOC improvement project because the EOC will serve as a major command location for high level planning, media briefings other crisis management operations in the event of an emergency.

Support for This Project:

“The Middletown Township EOC is integral to our management team in the event of a crisis”

-Robert J. Caruso, Park President, Sesame Place

“We support Middletown Township’s efforts to make their EOC a secure, efficient facility to better protect and serve this diverse community.”

-Patricia A. Gillett, Marketing Manager, Oxford Valley Mall

Intended Recipient: Morrisville Borough

Location:

35 Union St.
Morrisville, PA 19067

Name of Project: Morrisville Borough Police Communications

Project Description:

With this funding, Morrisville Borough will purchase 7 radios for vehicles and 15 portable radios, as well as for their Police Department. The request amount is one-hundred fifty-five thousand dollars. The new radios will replace obsolete technology and enable the officers on the street to communicate with other law enforcement agencies in Bucks County. This project also includes the purchase of live scan fingerprinting equipment to electronically collect fingerprints and eliminate the need for ink and paper. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Morrisville Borough to better protect the public and fight crime more efficiently.

Support for This Project:

“The Morrisville Business Association is highly supportive of any funding which will assist our police department...”

-Ted Fletcher, Secretary, Morrisville Business Association

Intended Recipient: Warminster Township Police Department

Location:

401 Gibson Ave.
Warminster, PA 18974

Name of Project: Police Radio Upgrades

Project Description:

This upgrade will necessitate the replacement of all mobile and portable radios used by the Warminster Police Department with equipment that is compatible with the county infrastructure. Because the current system is 12 years old, the peripheral equipment must also be replaced requiring new batteries and chargers. The police department currently has 30 vehicles and 51 sworn officer, as well as 6 auxiliary police. The purchase of this equipment will provide the agency with equipment meeting all current standards established by the FCC for all the department vehicles, as well as all the officers with portables. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is essential that local law enforcement be able to communicate with the county and other agencies. The request amount is five hundred and nine thousand, four hundred dollars.

Support for This Project:

"I understand the challenges that the police department faces in their everyday jobs and funding to help purchase this much-needed equipment will benefit all citizens in this community."

-Robert Davis, Outreach Coordinator, Valley Youth House

Fighting for Education, Job Training and a 21st Century Workforce

Intended Recipient: Bucks County Community College

Location:

275 Swamp Road
Newtown, PA 18940

Name of Project: Green Energy Job Training Initiative

Project Description:

The project will provide training in renewable energy industries such as weatherization and solar installation to veterans, unemployed and underemployed individuals, and out of school youth. The request amount is six-hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.

The Green Jobs Academy began with industry specific training to meet the current needs of the weatherization industry. With this funding, Bucks County Community College will build on these programs and work with employers engaged in the renewable energy field by developing curriculum that will prepare workers for these new jobs. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Bucks County Community College will bring together public and private partners to provide a seamless training and education infrastructure to train individuals for livable wage occupations within the energy efficiency & renewable energy field.

Support for This Project:

"The Green Jobs Academy will provide credentialed education and training to incumbent and new workers...please accept this letter of our endorsement of the project and its exciting outcomes."

-Elizabeth Walsh, Executive Director, Bucks County Workforce Investment Board

"As we navigate through these tough economic times, investments in training a workforce equipped to support Green Jobs is vital, we believe, for Bucks County and the region's economy and quality of life."

- Robert Ventresca and Robert Loughery, Managing Members, Keystone Redevelopment Group

Intended Recipient: Holy Family University

Location:

9801 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19114

*project is located in Newtown, PA

Name of Project: Center for Excellence in Computer Forensics

Project Description:

The Holy Family University Center of Excellence in Computer Forensics has two objectives: 1) Establishment of a Center of Excellence that provides state of the art education and training in Computer Forensics, Forensics Accounting, Countermeasures to Cyber-terrorism, Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Systems, Surveillance, Cryptography, Information Security, Internet Safe Practices, and Enterprise Security Policies; and 2) Establishment of state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratory equipped with the latest technology for teaching all aspects of Information Systems and Computer Forensics.

The Center of Excellence will be housed on the Newtown, Bucks County campus of Holy Family University. It will provide training in computer forensics for undergraduate students at HFU in the Computer Management Information Systems program, students in Accounting and Criminal Justice, and transfer students from Bucks County Community College, Philadelphia Community College and other institutions with associate degrees or certificates in forensics. At the graduate level, the Center will provide a graduate certificate in Computer Forensics as well as the Master of Information Systems Management degree with a concentration in Computer Forensics.

Students completing the Computer Forensics Program will be prepared to enter the field of computer forensics in a public or private environment as computer crime investigators, computer crime analysts, computer forensics investigators, computer forensics technicians, computer forensics analysts, Internet security technicians, and Internet security analysts. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide education and training necessary to combat the growing threat of cyber-crime. The request amount is four-hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

"CFATC commends Holy Family University in its pursuit of excellence in computer forensics. By bringing together real-world experts and delivering hands-on, practical skills development courses for entry level and seasoned professionals, it opens a new world of opportunity for jobs in the 21st century."

-Nancy M. White, Executive Director, Computer Forensics Analysis and Training Center, Inc.

"Unequivocally, a Center of Excellence in Computer Forensics would be a benefit in this region. The Center would give students a place to learn valuable skills to assist them in acquiring employment. The Center will also give law enforcement a resource to turn to for subject matter experts to improve the safety of the community."

-Pamela King, CEO, Woodside Consulting

Fighting for a Cleaner Environment and Protecting our Communities from Flooding

Intended Recipient: Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District

Location:

100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19103-3390

Name of Project: Flood Plain Management Services – Bucks County, PA

Project Description:

This project is a continuation of a study analyzing local flood issues. It also will validate and update existing hydraulic models as well as flood mapping in Bucks County. The request amount is two-hundred fifty thousand dollars. Additionally, flood vulnerability assessments and flood inundation mapping will be developed as applicable. Scope of work will be determined based on continued coordination with County officials and results on preceding work. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because updated maps and hydraulic models will help municipalities to be better prepared for flood events and take appropriate action to decrease loss of life and property.

Support for This Project:

“Updated maps can help flood plain managers to advise developers and individuals where to refrain from development and provide emergency management with the wherewithal on evacuations given predicated flood crest.”

-C. William Winslade, Manager, Yardley Borough

Intended Recipient: Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District

Location:

100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19103-3390

Name of Project: Delaware River Dredged Material Utilization

Project Description:

This reconnaissance study will evaluate problems, needs, and opportunities in the interest of beneficial use of dredged material including transfer and transport facilities for the drying, rehandling, and transferring of dredged material, as it relates to comprehensive watershed and regional sediment management, ecosystem restoration, navigation, stream restoration, water quality, restoration of coal and other mined areas, cover material for sanitary landfills and other allied purposes in the vicinity of the Delaware River between Philadelphia and Trenton, and Philadelphia to the Sea. FY 2011 funds would be used to initiate and continue efforts on the Feasibility Study. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide information necessary to determine whether dredged material can be reused locally, thereby reducing the costs associated with disposal storage, transportation and maintenance. The request amount is two-hundred thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

“This Army Corps Study will help Bristol Township identify possible solutions for economic development along the Delaware River.”

-Tina Davis, Vice-President, Bristol Township Council

Intended Recipient: Bristol Borough

Location:

250 Pond St.
Bristol, PA 19007

Name of Project: Pidcock-Mill Creek Watershed Project**Project Description:**

This project will ease the flood impact on communities within the Pidcock-Mill Creeks Watersheds and restore riverbanks and floodplains to a more natural condition. The request amount is seven-hundred fifty thousand dollars. Planned improvements include preservation of existing intact floodplain and natural stream banks, installation of bioengineering to stabilize banks, removal of man-made impediments and replanting native species. Part of funding for this project will ease the flood impact by creating a riparian buffer and raising a section of the levee along the Delaware River above the 100 year floodplain. Buffers will be populated with native species and reserved as public open spaces. The Pidcock-Mill Creeks Watershed in Bucks County, PA includes major streams including Pidcock Creek, Mill Creek, Common Creek and other tributaries to the Delaware River.

Communities in the Pidcock-Mill Creeks Watershed, including Bristol, Falls, Morrisville, Lower and Upper Makefield and Solebury, are subject to frequent and severe flooding, even after moderate rain events. Intense industrial development during the first half of the 20th century has obliterated many of the natural conditions and compromised the floodplain's ability to store or filter floodwaters. Through preservation and restoration of riverbanks and floodplain and rehabilitation of existing flood protection works, improvements to the natural riparian corridor can be made. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit thousands of citizens whose properties are in the floodplain.

Support for This Project:

"This important investment in our region will relieve flooding and help to revitalize Bristol Borough and surrounding municipalities. With this funding, we will improve the quality of life for our residents and protect our environment."

-Robyn Trunell, Member, Bristol Borough Council

Intended Recipient: Bristol Township**Location:**

2501 Bath Rd.
Bristol, PA 19007

Name of Project: Black Ditch Drainage System Dredging and Restoration Project**Project Description:**

The Black Ditch drainage system is currently severely clogged with sediment and debris and in need of immediate attention to alleviate flooding. The proposed project will remove existing sediment to deepen and in some areas widen the channel to accommodate the storm water flow. In addition, numerous trees and tangled undergrowth that contribute to the clogging debris will be removed and cut back from the channel. The planting of low growth plants and ground covers along the banks of the channel will slow the speed of sheet water flow into the channel, improving the quality of the water and reducing the washing in of sediment. The request amount is three-hundred thousand dollars.

The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it affects the water quality of the Black Ditch drainage area. The over impact of the project will reduce flooding, improve the quality of storm water runoff and create a better environment for the 25,000 affected residents.

Support for This Project:

"The quantity and quality of the storm water runoff into the Delaware River will be greatly improved with work on the Black Ditch projects."

- Anthony J. Melio, Representative, 141st Legislative District of PA

Fighting for Small Business

Intended Recipient: Drexel University

Location:

3141 Chestnut Street *project is located in Bristol Township
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Name of Project: Bristol Green Energy Incubator Initiative

Project Description:

Drexel University is working to transform what was a nearly abandoned industrial site in Bristol and turn it into a workforce development center and small business incubator focused primarily on renewable energy technologies and power grid applications. The site has been a national model for economic revitalization turning abandoned warehouses and deserted research labs once owned by Rohm and Hass and transforming them into lab and office space, research facilities, and light manufacturing for small businesses focused on innovation and manufacturing of renewable energy technologies. In this endeavor, Drexel is partnering with Bucks County Community College, along with several other private partners, to achieve this effort. The request amount is three-hundred thousand dollars.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the resources obtained from this federal funding will help recruit businesses to the incubator, advertise the benefits of the Bristol site, subsidize rents, and other developmental activities related to promoting job creation and entrepreneurship at the site. It is estimated that this project will create 30-40 new jobs.

Support for This Project:

"I fully support the Drexel University Green Energy Incubator Initiative, located in Bristol, Pennsylvania. This innovative partnership represents a unique opportunity to transform what was a nearly abandoned industrial site and turn it into a national model for economic development, while also helping end our nation's dependence on foreign oil. Drexel, along with Bucks County Community College and the rest of the partners associated with this project are actively working to bring small businesses and good paying jobs to a part of the county that desperately needs it."

-Tina Davis, Vice-President, Bristol Township Council

Intended Recipient: Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center

Location:

2905 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Name of Project: Demonstration Project for Emerging Manufacturers in the Delaware Valley

Project Description:

The DVIRC proposes to develop a program focused on providing Emerging Manufacturing companies in the Delaware Valley region with the skills, knowledge and training to grow their businesses and become leaders in our regional economy. The requested amount is five-hundred thousand dollars. The DVIRC's Emerging Manufacturing Initiative would be closely modeled on the United States Small Business Administration's ("SBA") Emerging 200 Initiative. The DVIRC's Emerging Manufacturing Initiative would identify 10 small manufacturing companies in the Delaware Valley Region consisting of Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks and Philadelphia counties to participate in the program. Participating companies must demonstrate that they have generated at least \$400,000 in annual sales for the past three years.

The DVIRC will develop and implement a manufacturing education and training curriculum that will assist participating companies in developing winning expansion strategies for their businesses. The program will give participants the opportunity to work with experienced mentors, attend workshops and develop connections with peers, elected officials, community leaders and the local financial community.

This project is valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a structured curriculum administered by experienced professionals that will provide emerging manufacturers in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region the tools, training and support they need to take their businesses to the next level. With increased productivity will come job creation and economic activity that will have exponential benefits to our local and national economies.

Support for This Project:

"I have seen first-hand the challenges small and medium sized manufacturers continue to face to sustain their businesses and provide quality jobs to local residents. The DVIRC provides an invaluable resource for our local companies helping them grow their businesses, create jobs and strengthen the local economy. The funds being requested by the DVIRC would be an excellent investment in local economic development by the federal government and have my strongest support."

-Robert M. Tomlinson, State Senator, 6th District

Fighting for Quality, Affordable, Accessible Health Care

Intended Recipient: Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP)

Location:

1201 Langhorne-Newtown Rd.
Langhorne, PA 19047

Name of Project: Improving Healthcare Access for the Uninsured in Bucks County

Project Description:

"Improving Healthcare Access for the Uninsured in Bucks County" will expand services by adding healthcare staff and improve the coordination of four free medical clinics and three free dental programs, creating a countywide safety net of healthcare services to address the rapidly growing number of low-income, uninsured residents of Bucks County. The amount requested is five-hundred thousand dollars. The project will be managed by Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), a nonprofit community health collaborative, founded by the six acute care hospitals in Bucks County, the local health department and Bucks County Medical Society. This project will enhance the collaborative work of 3 independently managed free clinics and their related dental programs, thus providing a comprehensive approach to addressing gaps in healthcare services throughout our county.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the current recession and loss of jobs has left many people without health insurance. Bucks County has neither hospital-based nor any publicly-run primary care clinics. Without the four free health clinics, 40,000 uninsured Bucks County residents would rely solely on the hospital emergency rooms for their health services. This is an extremely expensive form of health care, and would ultimately cost the taxpayers more money in uncompensated care. With additional funding, these free clinics will increase their capacity to serve the uninsured at an estimated cost of less than \$60 per clinic visit.

Support for This Project:

"I am confident that funding provided to BCHIP and its clinic partners will be appropriately used to improve access to quality healthcare for uninsured residents of Bucks County."

- Peggy Dator, President, Free Clinic Association of Pennsylvania

Intended Recipient: Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc

Location:

252 West Swamp Road
Unit 12
Doylestown, PA 18901

Name of Project: Using 21st Century Technology to Aid Addicted Individuals and Families

Project Description:

Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (BCCAD) is seeking to upgrade its communication infrastructure in order to better serve its broad constituency in the 8th district. The requested amount is one-hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars. Clear, reliable, and rapid communication between staff members and the individuals and families they serve is critical to the success of their mission. They are seeking support to acquire a much-needed information technology system that fully integrates the operations of multiple sites, has numerous new applications that will enhance patient care, and which will serve as a platform from which a greater number of individuals can be served. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because acquisition of these upgrades will allow BCCAD to provide more cohesive and collaborative patient care, and extend care to individuals who would otherwise not be able to access it.

Support for This Project:

"As a long time collaborator with your organization, we at Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. are very familiar with the invaluable and broad range of services across southeastern Pennsylvania in the arenas of substance abuse prevention, intervention, and recovery support services... We fully support your appropriations application to Representative Murphy and we look forward to the increased capacity that it will afford your organization."

- Margaret E. Hanna, Executive Director, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Intended Recipient: Grand View Hospital

Location:

700 Lawn Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960

Name of Project: Emergency Room Expansion

Project Description:

Due to increased demand and patient volume, Grandview Hospital must expand their emergency room facilities. The request amount is two-hundred fifty-thousand dollars. The primary service area of Grand View Hospital is populated by approximately 150,000 people. The Emergency Room currently attends to approximately 40,000 patients annually, and the community's population is both aging and expanding, causing great stress to be placed upon the Hospital's physical facilities. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help Grandview Hospital to meet the health care needs of the community.

Support for This Project:

"The 700 businesses that we represent translates to more than 18,000 employees and their families, who will be better served by a facility capable of handling higher volumes of patients in need of emergency care."

- Tara King, Executive Director, Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce

"...additional Emergency and/or Urgent Care capacity is critical for our community."

- John Goshow, President and CEO, Penn Foundation Behavior Health Services

Intended Recipient: Lower Bucks Hospital

Location:

501 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007

Name of Project: Upgrades to Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

Project Description:

Funding for this project will be used to upgrade Lower Bucks Hospital's existing catheterization laboratory ("cath lab") with state of the art equipment. The request amount is three-hundred thousand dollars. The equipment being replaced is more than 10 years old and at the end of its useful life cycle. The population serviced by LBH, and would benefit from this upgrade, is largely lower income and pensioned residents. With the new and advanced capabilities of the proposed imaging system, patients throughout the lower Bucks community will require less dye, resulting in a decrease in renal dysfunction, which will in turn

decrease the length of stay. With the case mix ratio of patients at LBH, the net effect will be a significant decrease in taxpayer dollars to provide treatment.

Support for This Project:

“As President of Bristol Borough Council, I have seen first hand the challenges small community hospitals like LBH face to continue to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to the residents of Bristol Borough. In addition to providing vital, and in many cases life saving treatment, LBH is an indispensable source of jobs and economic stability to our community.”

- Ralph DiGuissepe, President, Bristol Borough Council

“...the funds being requested would be an excellent investment in our community healthcare and local economic development.”

- Representatives of the Nurses Association of Lower Bucks Hospital/Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals

Intended Recipient: St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital

Location:

1021 Park Avenue
Quakertown, PA 18951

Name of Project: Operating Rooms and Cardiovascular Center Upgrades

Project Description:

Funding to St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital will be used to purchase a fluid warming system which warms intravenous (IV) fluids prior to administering them to a patient. This reduces the potential clinical risk related to hypothermia and dramatically increases the level of patient comfort. Funding will also be used to purchase four (4) warming cabinets, one for each of our three operating rooms and one for the recovery room, to warm blankets for patients. Funding will also be used to purchase equipment for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence at St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital. The Center offers cardiovascular services including nuclear medicine, stress tests, echocardiograms and vascular studies. The Center will be fully digitized, which increases efficiency, resolution of images, and patient comfort. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these technologies will help patients recover more quickly from surgery, thereby reducing the overall cost of their care. Upgraded cardiovascular technologies will provide patients with better quality care and help save lives. The request amount is five-hundred thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

“I’m delighted to have an opportunity to support the award of a Labor HHS grant to St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital for their proposal to enhance capabilities and patient safety in the operating rooms and cardiovascular center.”

- Luanne B. Stauffer, Chair, Board of Trustees St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital

Intended Recipient: St. Mary Medical Center Foundation

Location:

1201 Langhorne-Newtown Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

Name of Project: Emergency Department Expansion

Project Description:

St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne requests funding from the Department of Health and Human Services to support necessary expansion and renovation of the hospital's Emergency Department to accommodate dramatically increased patient demand. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will allow St. Mary to improve the quality of care it offers and make that care accessible to a greater number of community residents who will need our services, both now and in the future. The request amount is five-hundred thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

"I am writing in support of St. Mary Medical Center's FY2011 Federal Appropriations request...As the leading provider of healthcare services in lower Bucks County, St. Mary Medical Center continues to be responsive to the changing demographics and healthcare needs of the community, with a keen focus on clinical quality and care for the poor. As the largest private employer in Bucks County, St. Mary is also a driver of economic vitality."

- Frank Farry, State Representative, 142nd District

Fighting for Our Troops and Strengthening Our Military

Intended Recipient: Drexel University

Location:

370 George Patterson Blvd.
Bristol, PA
19007

Name of Project: Defense Energy and Awareness Program (DEAP)

Project Description:

We cannot become less dependent upon foreign sources of energy without sufficient information and data regarding energy usage, cost, and demand. The metering of federal facilities, including DOD facilities, as mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, is intended to provide actionable data to meet this objective. The Defense Energy Awareness Program (DEAP) will research the application and use of service-based architectures, energy management control systems, alternative energy sources, including incubating small companies and university spinouts, to centrally integrate "best-in-class" advanced solutions applied to selected DOD facilities and pilots. Requested funding for this project is eight million dollars. The key to the DEAP success will be the capability to capture and process data from multiple sources, facilities, sub-facilities, and platforms – using meter data related to both utility "revenue" meters and sub-metered applications associated with critical buildings, equipment or communities of interest. Once collected at the Bristol, Pennsylvania project site, the data can be processed using various energy management software tools for the purpose of analysis, pattern detection, aggregation, dissection, etc.

Benefit to the Military & Taxpayer:

Through the application of a centrally managed, but individually implemented Energy Information Service solution, facility managers, plant engineers, platform owners, and base commanders will be enabled with access to critical energy data and can begin to make near and long term energy management and buying

decisions based on information and patterns provided by that data. As greater understanding of energy usage patterns emerges for single facilities, or across multiple facilities, long term investment decisions can be made more strategically which can lead to a profound impact on local energy demand and costs. Additionally, the aggregation of detailed energy demand, use, and cost data into a national data base at the DEAP will enable DOD policy makers to better understand and respond to longer-term energy issues.

Military Quote:

“The need for programs like the Defense Energy Awareness Program (DEAP) and the incubation of small companies, university spinouts, and technology joint ventures based on an advanced but proven capability foundation, is clear and can compliment/accelerate planned/ongoing traditional efforts. The sooner the Air Force can address our mission assurance and our growing energy needs the better our capability and total infrastructure (military & non-military) will be.”

-- U.S. Air Force

Intended Recipient: Institute for Hepatitis and Virus Research

Location:

3805 Old Easton Rd.
Doylestown, PA
18902

Name of Project: Protecting Military Personnel and the Nation Against Agents of Bioterror: Developing a Therapeutic Drug with Activity Against Multiple and Unforeseen Bio-Threat Agents

Project Description:

The most feared bio-terror attack is one from a pathogen that we either cannot identify, or did not anticipate. Without the availability of broadly effective pharmaceutical counter-measures, it is likely that useful medical interventions would be frustrated, or may not be timely enough to be beneficial. Therefore, the ideal medical countermeasure to a bio-threat agent would be one that is active against most pathogens, even when the pathogen has not been precisely identified, or no drug has been developed with that pathogen in mind. This project would identify and develop therapeutic drugs with broad activity against viruses and other pathogens of bio-terror concerns. Requested funding for this project is two and a half million dollars. Specifically, the goal is to find a drug that is useful in managing infectious attacks from bio-threat agents, even when there is uncertainty about the precise identify of the bio-threat agent, or there are no existing therapeutics specifically shown to be active against the bio-threat agents.

Benefit to the Military & Taxpayer:

There are no effective therapies to protect our military personnel and the nation from the broad band of viruses that can be readily transformed into deadly bio-terror agents of war. The research that would be funded in this proposal will develop the needed therapies consistent with the interest of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Military Quote:

“Development of an intervention...that can protect people against multiple pathogens, especially those that we cannot anticipate, is critical to our readiness to respond to potential threats within the biodefense program. It is a major national defense priority...The reagents [IHVR] have developed for this purpose, as

well as [the Institute's] experience in therapeutic and diagnostic development, places [the Institute] in a good, if not unique, place to meet this objective."

-- U.S. Army

Fighting for Economic and Community Development

Intended Recipient: American Red Cross, Lower Bucks County Chapter

Location:

1909 Veterans Highway
Levittown, PA 19056

Name of Project: Homeless Shelter Case Management & Related Services

Project Description:

Homeless residents of Bucks County will receive comprehensive case management services at the shelter operated by the American Red Cross with mental health services provided by other agencies. The amount requested is one-hundred ninety-three thousand dollars. These services will help homeless residents get back into the economic mainstream by helping them find and maintain employment. By demonstrating the effectiveness of case management services we not only change the lives of individual families, but we also strengthen the fabric of entire communities. A mom with two children can receive \$412.00 in welfare benefits or take a job that pays 10.00 an hour and make \$1,600 a month – relieving the burden on American taxpayers. In this case alone, case management services saved the American taxpayers over \$4,000 this year, and contributes potentially close to \$20,000 in economic activity in Bucks County. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because good case management makes all of this economic activity possible.

Support for This Project:

"The services provided by this dedicated group have been vital in helping to address the complex needs of individuals and families, helping them move from poverty into self-sufficiency."

- Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Bucks County Commissioner

"These vital services are more critical than ever, and part UWBC's Community Impact Plan to address basic needs for residents of our county during this challenging economic climate."

- Sharon K. Barker, Senior Vice President, Community Impact & Development, United Way of Bucks County

Intended Recipient: Bucks County Housing Development Corporation

Location:

9187 New Falls Road
Suite 203L
Fallsington, PA 19054

Name of Project: Bensalem Veterans Housing Project

Project Description:

Bucks County Housing Development Corporation in conjunction with North County Conservancy is planning to construct a forty (40) unit accessible and adaptable independent living faculty in Bensalem Township on Mechanicsville Road with the primary target population of Veterans of the U.S. Armed forces with disabilities. Five hundred-thousand dollars is the request amount. This project is not age restricted and proposes to serve the needs of income qualified veterans of all ages. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will be the only facility of its kind in the Bucks County area that serves the needs of disabled and low-income veterans.

Support for This Project:

"We support the efforts of Bucks County Housing Development Corporation to assure the availability of housing to meet the needs of this client base."

- Robert M. Tomlison, State Senator, 6th District

Intended Recipient: Neighborhood First Program, Inc.

Location:

1422 Bath Rd.
Bristol, PA 19007

Name of Project: Expansion of H.A.V.E.N. (Homework, Athletics, Vocational, Education Network) Program

Project Description:

Neighborhood First Program Inc. is requesting federal funds to help fund the expansion of the H.A.V.E.N. (Homework, Athletics, Vocational, Education Network) to additional sites involving collaborating school systems and community resources. The requested amount is one-hundred eighty thousand dollars. The H.A.V.E.N. Program is an after school project for at-risk youth which operates at the non-traditional and high risk times of 3-9pm, four of five school days, one weekend day and summer programs and camps. It provides a safe, structured learning environment whereby youth identified as at-risk by schools and other Bucks County Youth Serving Systems can receive after school tutoring, homework help, mentoring, a nutritious meal, and are able to participate in sports and recreational activities. Through the services provided, this project has reduced delinquent behaviors, truancy and dropout rates, and has prevented costly out of home placements. AS one of the few no-cost after school programs for underprivileged youth service Lower Bucks County, this program fills a gap in intervention, prevention and mentoring services and provides involvement in organized fitness & sports activities for at-risk youth year round.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the amount spent on costly out of home placements. Prevention and intervention programs like H.A.V.E.N can significantly reduce juvenile crime, and keeps youth in school to develop self-sufficiency and marketable skills.

Support for This Project:

"Neighborhood First Program, Inc. has a proven track record of community collaboration which delivers positive outcomes for our youth and community."

Robert J. Stanzione, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Bucks County Court of Common Pleas

Strengthening Our Ailing Infrastructure

Intended Recipient: Chalfont Borough

Location:

40 North Main Street
Chalfont, PA 18914

Name of Project: Bristol Road Extension

Project Description:

Once constructed, the Bristol Road Extension would relieve congestion on Route 202, preserve the historic covered bridge on Keeley Avenue in New Britain Borough, and aid in response time of emergency vehicles. Plans include a pedestrian trail along the road, a crucial element in the Chalfont Borough, New Britain Borough, and New Britain Township Tri-Municipal Trail Plan. FY2011 funding will be used to complete preliminary design and environmental reviews and permits. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians. Five-hundred thousand dollars is the requested amount.

Support for This Project:

"In my present capacity, I have been happy to share with both current and former PennDOT officials the potential quality of life benefits that this project would yield...For those reasons, and many more, I wholeheartedly support the application..."

- Katherine M. Watson, State Representative, 144th District

The extension of Bristol Road to Park Avenue could reduce our response time and the response time of mutual aid companies. This would help to reduce property damage, and more importantly, save lives."

- Walter Bair, President, Chalfont Chemical Fire Company #1

Intended Recipient: Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Location:

425 Wells Rd
Doylestown, PA 18901

Name of Project: Water Transmission Main Extension Project

Project Description:

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) Water Main Extension Project will provide for the installation of 1.3 miles of water main in order to consolidate public water supplies and provide potable water to the Furlong area of Doylestown and Buckingham Townships, which have had ground water contaminated with TCE's since the 1980's. By installing this water main extension, DTMA will be able to provide a source water from its existing well system on the northwest side of Doylestown Township where ground water is more pristine, then to the east side where DTMA could potentially connect with Buckingham Township, thus facilitating compliance with national primary drinking water regulations. In doing so, 80 residences abutting the main could have a public water supply immediately, and with further extension, public water could be available to more than 780 surrounding homes should the need arise. Additionally, by

providing a supply of water to the east side of the Township, DTMA will be able to service 38 homes located in Buckingham and Doylestown Townships needing to be connected under DEP's HASCA (Hazardous Site Cleanup) program for Furlong. Five-hundred thousand dollars is requested for this project. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will mitigate the serious ground water contamination in these neighborhoods.

Support for This Project:

"Their proposal to extend their water main a distance of 1.3 miles will allow DTMA to provide public water to residents, their families and invitees in the Furlong area of both communities and provide potable water, free of the TCE chemicals now affecting their groundwater supplies."

- Dana Cozza, Manager, Buckingham Township

"If constructed, the project would immediately service more than eighty homes along the water main route and over 700 additional homes by further water main extensions into the immediate neighborhoods of Doylestown Township."

- Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman of the Board, Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

Intended Recipient: Lower Makefield Township

Location:

1100 Edgewood Road
Yardley, PA 19067

Name of Project: Edgewood Village Sewer Extension Project

Project Description:

The project will provide public sewers to 29 homes in Edgewood Village, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The availability of public sewers will allow for the preservation of the historic homes and spur the revitalization and economic development in this area. The proposed sanitary sewer system extension will connect Edgewood Village via a gravity collection system along Yardley-Langhorne and Stony Hill Roads to an existing manhole in Edgewood Road. This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the public sewer system will alleviate the public health concerns in this area about failing on-lot septic systems. Three-hundred fifteen thousand, three-hundred fifteen dollars is the request amount.

Support for This Project:

"Public sewer service will help attract business and investment to Edgewood Village."

- Robert F. Smith, Chairman, Lower Makefield Township Economic Development Commission,

"It is critical to the ongoing historic preservation and revitalization of the properties in Edgewood Village to have public sewer."

- Rosanne Friebs, Chairperson, Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

Intended Recipient: Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority

Location:

7811 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19055

Name of Project: Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Pipes

Project Description:

The Authority owns, operates and maintains over 200 miles of sanitary sewer pipe ranging from 8"-36" in diameter. The system is over 55 years old and urgently needs rehabilitation to control Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) and to prevent potential health risk to the community and environment due to failure of the lines.

This project involves rehabilitation of the existing sanitary sewer pipes using Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) technology which requires no excavation.

Approximately 26,000 feet of line ranging from 8"-24" have been identified which are the worst and need rehabilitation or replacement. These lines have frequent root intrusion causing sewer blockages and back-ups into residential homes, resulting in health concerns and major inconvenience to homeowners as well as displacement at times which also disrupts work and school schedules. Energy and treatment costs are also elevated due to required pumping and treatment of the Inflow and Infiltration. The total estimated construction cost of this project is \$1,200,000.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will correct potential public health and environmental concerns including; alleviating sewer blockages, back-ups into homes, excessive inflow and infiltration and potential sewer overflows. This project will serve approximately 100,000 residents and will create construction jobs. Six-hundred sixty thousand dollars is requested for this project.

Support for This Project:

"This project has a direct impact on the quality of life of the Township residents as well as addressing major environmental and economical issues. I would greatly appreciate your support of this worthwhile project in our community."

- Anthony J. Melio, State Representative, 141st Legislative District

Intended Recipient: Newtown Township

Location:

100 Municipal Drive
Newtown, PA 18940

Name of Project: Newtown-Yardley Road Improvement Project

Project Description:

The Newtown-Yardley Road Improvement Project includes the following:

- Widening and pavement markings to provide one through lane in each direction, along with protected left-turn lanes at the intersection of Newtown-Yardley Road and Terry Drive/Lower Dolington Road.
- Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Newtown Yardley Road and Friends Lane/Headley Drive.
- The upgrade of existing traffic signal equipment/operations on Newtown-Yardley Road.

- Closed Loop system interconnections of traffic signals on Newtown-Yardley Road at Terry Drive/Lower Dolington Road, Friends Land and Penns Trail.

This system would be connected to the closed loop system along the Newtown Bypass (SR 0332).

This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the Newtown-Yardley Road Improvement Project will provide improved safety for motorists entering and leaving Newtown Township and Newtown Borough via the Newtown Bypass. Additionally, these improvements will enhance the safety of residents who live immediately adjacent to Newtown-Yardley Road, or who regularly access Newtown Yardley road for work or shopping. Traffic into and out of the Newtown Business Commons will be improved, and these improvements will help alleviate existing issues with commercial traffic between the Business Commons to the Bypass. The request amount is nine-hundred thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

“Not only would these modifications improve the current road conditions but also the overall traffic situation in Newtown Township.”

- Steve Santarsiero, State Representative, 31st District

Intended Recipient: Penndel Borough

Location:

300 Bellevue Avenue
Penndel, PA 19047

Name of Project: Sewer Improvements

Project Description:

Funding in the amount of forty-six thousand, seven-hundred fifty dollars will be used for the decommissioning of Pump Station #2, one of two pump stations in the Penndel system. The decommissioning of Pump Station #2 and the installation of a gravity system into the Penndel sanitary sewer system is essential to the current revitalization of the borough and the maintenance of a viable sewer system for the entire municipality. The present condition of the sewer system is a budgetary hardship for this small municipality and the station is severely outdated and in need of extensive rehabilitation. The project would include the following: construction of a 10 inch sanitary sewer main and all related appurtenances; a stream crossing to make connection; demolition of the existing pump station; engineering which will include design, bid preparation, and administration, permitting, coordination and meetings with the sewer authority, and project inspections. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will help to revitalize Penndel Borough and attract new businesses.

Support for This Project:

“This grant is important to the citizens of Penndel as it will help stay the cost of sewer taxes.”

- Robert M. Tomlinson, State Senator, 6th District

Intended Recipient: Plumstead Township

Location:

5186 Stump Road

Plumsteadville, PA 18949

Name of Project: Sanitary Sewer System Wet Weather Overflow Abatement Project

Project Description:

Plumstead Township completed construction of a sanitary sewer system in the late 1970's. Over time it has been reported that post construction blasting may have damaged lateral connections causing stormwater to enter the sanitary sewer system. In high rain events this water causes the system to surge, sending untreated wastewater along with the stormwater overflowing through the lines and discharging through manholes onto roads, drainage swales and ditches, and in some cases contaminating nearby streams. Investigation and repair efforts have been ongoing since 1987. Video inspection of the sewer mains in 2006 revealed approximately 150 service laterals are leaking into the system, thus compromising its ability to handle the wastewater it was designed to treat. With these funds, the laterals will be replaced with modern pipe materials and gasketed joints, alleviating the overflows into the system, ensuring clean stormwater recharges into the groundwater that Township residents rely on. This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will help alleviate the continuing problem of untreated wastewater entering into the waterways and aquifers in Plumstead Township during high rain events. The request amount is seven-hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

"It is with great pleasure that I am offering my full support on behalf of Plumstead Township's request for \$750,000.00 in Federal Appropriation funding for their replacement of broken sewer laterals that are causing overflows to occur in the sanitary sewer system during high rain events."

- Charles T. McIlhinney, State Senator, 10th District

Intended Recipient: Quakertown Borough

Location:

35 North Third Street
Quakertown, PA 18951

Name of Project: Sewer Interceptor Replacement

Project Description:

The Borough of Quakertown will use this funding to help replace the rapidly deteriorating sewer interceptors in their community. The project will consist of replacing approximately 13,700 feet of interceptor pipe with larger pipe at a total estimated cost of \$3.3 million. This project will create about 20-25 construction jobs. It is estimated that 13,000 people in Quakertown and Richland Township will be served by these improved interceptors. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will make it possible for new development to continue and prevent harmful waste from entering the water supply. The request amount is five-hundred thousand dollars.

Support for This Project:

"By completing this repair it will help not only the environment but the Borough of Quakertown and residents by the growth it will allow."

- Naomi Naylor, Executive Director, Quakertown Alive!

Intended Recipient: Quakertown Borough

Location:

35 North Third Street
Quakertown, PA 18951

Name of Project: Broad/Main/Front/Hellertown Transportation Enhancements, Phase II

Project Description:

Transportation improvements are required to provide safe movement of pedestrians through U.S. Route 313 from Belmont Avenue to Hellertown Avenue. This project seeks to make the downtown safer by calming traffic through the installation of very visible patterned crosswalks. These crosswalks will look like brick, and serve to calm traffic by creating a visual signal to slow down. Historically-appropriate lighting will emphasize the historic character of the downtown and serve to make the streets safer by providing adequate lighting levels to discourage crime. The project will also include way finding entrance signs to Route 313 at the Route 309 intersection and the Hellertown Avenue intersection, providing important information for those using this heavily traveled corridor. The request amount is one million, nine-hundred fifty thousand, four-hundred dollars. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will contribute to the overall revitalization of Quakertown and help attract new businesses to the area.

Support for This Project:

"Quakertown Alive! supports the efforts of the Borough of Quakertown in the procurement of grants and funding for Streetscapes Improvements Phase II. The requested federal funding will help to provide transportation improvements, streetscapes improvements, lighting, pedestrian area upgrades and define our gateway entrances. These projects will expand the local economy to more fortuitously benefit Quakertown residents, businesses, and the many philanthropic organizations that thrive here."

- Naomi Naylor, Executive Director, Quakertown Alive!

Intended Recipient: The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks

Location:

One North Wilson Avenue
Bristol, PA 19007

Name of Project: Lower Bucks County Waterfront Redevelopment & Access Project

Project Description:

The Lower Bucks County Waterfront Redevelopment & Access Project is a strategic plan for realizing the true economic potential of the entire Lower Bucks County region. One million dollars is the request amount. Transportation and infrastructure improvements are a key part of this initiative.

This project incorporates various transportation improvements and enhancements to improve access to jobs, restore and preserve the local environment and spur increased economic investment and community development. Development efforts on the Delaware River's edge will promote the rehabilitation and re-use of Bristol's main commercial corridor. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because investment in efficient transportation systems and public improvements, and their integration with existing amenities will put Lower Bucks County in a strong position to take advantage of future investments that will spur economic development.

Support for This Project:

"The improvements would allow for expansion of the public enjoyment of this magnificent natural resource."

-Ralph DiGuseppe, President, Bristol Borough Council

Intended Recipient: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)

Location:

1234 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Name of Project: Intermodal Improvements at Levittown Station

Project Description:

This project provides for improvements at Levittown Station. The request amount is two million dollars. Levittown Station is located on SEPTA's Trenton (R7) Regional Rail Line and is served by Bus Route 128 and Regional Rail service between Philadelphia, Northeast Philadelphia, Bucks County, and Trenton.

Improvements will consist of the replacement of the station building at its present site, including a new ticket office, ADA compliant restrooms, signage and lighting; construction of inbound and outbound high-level platforms, with low level extensions; ADA accessibility improvements, including tactile warning tiles, ramps, railings and lighting; sump pump replacement; construction of a new bus loop and bus shelters, and reconfiguration of the parking lot to accommodate bus access. In addition, a new pedestrian overpass with elevators will be installed. This project will also include intersection improvements at Fallsington Avenue, and the elimination of Canal Street, which runs through the inbound parking lot at Levittown Station. The elimination of Canal Street will consolidate the lot, and allow for safer vehicle circulation and better bus and intermodal transfers.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will dramatically improve the conditions at the train station and increase the quality of life for community residents. Improving the customer experience and making transit more accessible creates new and often less expensive, transportation options, yielding a higher quality of life. Improving the Levittown Intermodal Facility and the accompanying mixed use/mixed income housing developments will increase the number of transit users in Southeastern Pennsylvania thus reducing the number of automobiles on the road. Decreasing automobiles usage is the most efficient way to minimize congestion. The Southeastern Pennsylvania region experiences 112 million hours of travel delay annually, which ranks 10th nationally. This equates to over 60 million gallons of fuel consumed and an annual cost of almost \$1.9 billion due to sitting in congestion.

Support for This Project:

"This project is support by the MPO as evidenced by its inclusion in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)."

- Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Manager, Office of Capital Programming, DVRPC