

## Fighting for Local Investments

*Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz formally requested support for the following local and regional projects from the House Appropriations Committee for Fiscal Year 2011.*

*Congresswoman Schwartz believes in the importance of federal investments in meeting critical national, regional and local needs. She also recognizes that the appropriations process is in need of reform. To that end, Congresswoman Schwartz has voted in favor of new disclosure requirements and supports increased transparency. In fact, she began posting her appropriation requests on her Web site before it was required by the House of Representatives. All of Rep. Schwartz's requests since Fiscal Year 2009 are disclosed on her Web site.*

*The dollar amounts listed below are amounts that each community or organization requested. It is important to note that the Appropriations Committee will make the final decision about which projects receive funding, and at what level.*

*If project funding is included in an Appropriations Bill in the House, it is NOT a guarantee of federal support. Once the House passes a bill, it must be reconciled with a Senate bill and signed into law by President Obama.*

*Congresswoman Schwartz recognizes the important work done throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and she is pleased to support the following organizations and municipalities, each of which approached her with requests for appropriate federal assistance.*

### Growing our Economy

#### **Increasing Life Sciences Entrepreneurship - \$115,100**

*BioStrategy Partners, Inc.  
8360 Old York Road  
Elkins Park, PA 19027*

This project provides practical, hands-on guidance, using local experts, in a small group format. Regional experts deliver a curriculum that boosts the business acumen of scientific founders and first-time entrepreneurs in vulnerable, idea-stage companies while networking them into the regional life sciences ecosystem. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the chances of success for life sciences firms.

#### **STEM/Energy and Power Career Development Initiative - \$4,000,000**

*Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center  
2905 Southampton Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154*

The overall goal of the National Defense Education Program initiative at the Navy yard is to increase career awareness and educational activity in grades K-12 inspiring more candidates, particularly women and minorities, to choose careers in Navy engineering and research. Students and educators throughout the 13th District will benefit from the hands-on experience with Power

and Energy technologies that would meet the needs of teachers in K-12 schools —developing hands-on, problem-based educational programming with Navy researchers and engineers, as well as power and energy related companies throughout the region. This is a worthy use of taxpayer funds because it advances science and mathematics education.

**Demonstration Project for Emerging Manufacturers in the Delaware Valley - \$500,000**

*Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center  
2905 Southampton Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154*

The proposed program 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. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because increased productivity will lead to job creation and economic activity that will have exponential benefits to our local and national economies.

**Center for Entrepreneurial Studies - \$350,000**

*Montgomery County Community College  
340 DeKalb Pike  
Blue Bell, PA 19422*

With the expansion of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and the Women-Owned Business Program, the development of start-up and fledgling companies will be accelerated by providing entrepreneurs with a broader array of targeted resources and services. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will promote economic development and job creation in Montgomery County and the region through training, counseling and other services for entrepreneurs starting new businesses.

**Investing in Health Care Technology**

**Electronic Prenatal Care Registry - \$500,000**

*City of Philadelphia  
1401 JFK Boulevard, Suite 600  
Philadelphia, PA 19102*

This project will help the City of Philadelphia establish a city-wide prenatal care registry, which would be the first of its kind in the nation. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will enable the city to use health information technology to improve patient care.

**Primary Care Community Outreach Expansion - \$750,000**

*Gwynedd-Mercy College  
1325 Sumneytown Pike, Box 901*

*Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437*

This project will support the Adult Health Center at Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide additional technology for teaching nursing students and supporting primary care and mental health visits.

**New and Enhanced Technology for Clinical Operations - \$1,471,500**

*Fox Chase Cancer Center*

*333 Cottman Avenue*

*Philadelphia, PA 19111*

This project will finance the purchase of new clinical equipment and technology. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Fox Chase Cancer Center is a world class clinical and research institution that is developing the latest advances in cancer treatment.

## **Assisting Veterans**

**Delaware Valley Continuing Education Initiative - \$1,500,000  
for Veterans, National Guard and Reserves**

*Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development*

*The Navy Yard, Quarters M-7 Suite 100*

*1321 Intrepid Avenue*

*Philadelphia, PA 19112*

Federal funding for this initiative is needed to meet the growing demand of veterans, National Guard and Reserve personnel seeking workforce training and continuing education. While this demand continues to grow, jobs in the region remain vacant due to a lack of skilled workers. The region's ability to respond to the dual impacts of base closures and returning service personnel deployed from overseas make this project a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

**Veteran Employment Training (VET) Initiative - \$750,000**

*JEVS Human Services*

*1845 Walnut Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*Philadelphia, PA 19103*

This project will support a job placement program aimed at helping approximately 200 returning veterans by ensuring that they have skills to be competitive in the 21st century job market. This is a worthy use of taxpayer funds through its fight to combat many challenges young veterans are facing after returning home from bravely serving their country in Afghanistan and Iraq.

## **Protecting Our Communities**

**Communications Equipment Upgrade - \$357,000**

*Abington Township Police Department  
1166 York Road  
Abington, PA 19001*

Communications are crucial to any police department's mission. The federal governments move towards interoperability of radios across jurisdictions and for many emergency responders (Police, Fire, and EMS, etc.) has caused most departments to go to the Montgomery County 800 MHZ Radio system to accomplish this mission. To make their radios compatible with the county system, Abington Police must replace their current radios. A new radio system would also allow for enhanced communications with fire and EMS providers, who currently operate on enhanced systems. This is a valuable investment of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of Abington Township residents.

**Center of Excellence in Computer Forensics - \$450,000**

*Holy Family University  
9801 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19114*

The rise in technology-enabled crime has spawned a new field - Computer Forensics. Finding the source of the misuse of computer technology is the essence of Computer Forensics. Typically, law enforcement agencies do not possess the Computer Forensics expertise to discover, capture, analyze, and prosecute, based on the evidence obtained in their investigations. Local agencies must increase their levels of expertise. This is a valuable taxpayer investment because the Center of Excellence in Computer Forensics will serve the computer forensics training needs of area law enforcement, business and industry, and other governmental entities by providing state-of-the-art education and training.

**Radio Communications Interoperability - \$210,000**

*Lansdale Borough Police Department  
35 Vine Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446*

Upgrading the radio system will put cutting edge technologies in the hands of first responders, improving much needed interoperability in both routine incidents and disaster situations. Additionally, the ability of responding agencies to have dual band capability allows the Lansdale Police Department, in the event of a major disaster or terrorism incident, to operate self-sufficiently and continue to dispatch and respond to community needs for police, fire, and ambulance services. This is a valuable investment of taxpayer funds because it will improve emergency response in Lansdale, PA.

**Mission Kids Operating Expenses- \$65,000**

*Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County  
Post Office Box 706*

*Norristown, PA 19404*

Mission Kids strives to break the cycle of child abuse by changing the process from one of fear and frustration to one of support and hope. They provide a child-friendly, supportive environment for families, as well as the resources they need to begin the healing process and education regarding what to expect as the process unfolds. By eliminating the trauma of repeated interviews, and potentially streamlining the legal process, Mission Kids helps families get past the legal phase of a report of child abuse and into the healing phase as quickly as possible. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will protect at-risk children.

**Emergency Power Upgrade for EOC Shelter - \$74,000**

*Second Alarmers Association and Rescue Squad*

*307 Davisville Road*

*Willow Grove, PA 19090*

This project will help the Second Alarmers Association and Rescue Squad of Montgomery County acquire and install an emergency generator in its Hatboro EMS/Rescue station, which is also used as the town's emergency disaster shelter. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help improve emergency medical services to more than 130,000 residents in Montgomery County.

**Integrated Food Safety Information System - \$1,000,000**

*Temple University*

*1330 West Berks Street*

*Philadelphia, PA 19122*

Food health outbreaks are occurring at an alarming rate, and preventing and minimizing these outbreaks is a national issue. This project will help solve this problem by developing an integrated food safety information system with real-time automatic wireless sensing and data logging capabilities. Over time, this technology can be utilized by other federal agencies, such as DOD and DHS -- thereby maximizing taxpayer value. Additionally, new economies will be created from the database information developed to monitor the supply chain. This is a valuable taxpayer investment because it will help protect consumers and strengthen food safety systems.

**Police Wireless Data and Records Management System Upgrade - \$48,000**

*Towamencin Township Police Department*

*1090 Troxel Rd.*

*Lansdale, PA 19446*

The technology and equipment currently in use is at the end of its regular life cycle and requires replacement and upgrade. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it seeks to assist the police in their everyday duties, and in their combined work with regional, state, and federal law enforcement.

**Computer and Communications Equipment Upgrades - \$15,000**

*Towamencin Township  
1090 Troxel Rd.  
Lansdale, PA 19446*

This project will help Towamencin Township acquire and install new equipment for its Emergency Operations Center, including radios and computers. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this equipment will help the Township disseminate correct information to its residents in case of an emergency.

**Flooding Mitigation - \$2,087,000**

*Upper Dublin Township  
801 Loch Alsh Avenue  
Fort Washington, PA 19034*

This funding will be used to fund design and engineering of projects that will help reduce flooding in Upper Dublin Township, PA. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will address flooding in the township that negatively impacts transportation and commerce and threatens public safety.

**Making Communities More Livable**

**Lindenwold Avenue and Race Street Municipal Parking Deck - \$1,500,000**

*Borough of Ambler  
122 E. Butler Avenue  
Ambler, PA 19002*

This project will help fund the construction of a municipal parking deck in the Borough of Ambler, PA. This parking deck will expand parking availability in the downtown area. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the parking deck will help encourage the use of public transit due to its proximity to SEPTA train lines.

**Mentoring and Youth Development Services - \$700,000**

*City Year Greater Philadelphia  
2221 Chestnut Street  
Second Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103*

The City Year Greater Philadelphia project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it mitigates negative behaviors that lead to juvenile delinquency by: increasing opportunities to participate in after-school programs thereby reducing the 59% of Philadelphia children who do

not participate in after-school programs; increasing school attendance rates thereby reducing the 12,000 students who are currently truant on any given day; increasing student and parent engagement in their school thereby reducing the number of schools with an environment that promotes delinquent behavior; and increasing the number of students on-track for on-time graduation from high school thereby reducing Philadelphia's 45% dropout rate.

**Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions Project - \$715,000**

*The Delaware River Basin Commission  
25 State Police Drive  
West Trenton, NJ 08628*

This project will fulfill the federal obligation to support the budget of the Delaware River Basin Commission. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Delaware River Basin Commission manages the water resources contained in the Delaware River for the federal government, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, and New Jersey.

**Glen Foerd Driveway Repair - \$210,000**

*Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation  
5001 Grant Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19114*

This project would repair and resurface the driveway of the historic Glen Foerd property in Northeast Philadelphia. This driveway is in need of substantial repair. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Glen Foerd property helps preserve the history of the Delaware Riverfront.

**Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority Improvement Project - \$740,300**

*Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority  
Upper Ridge Road  
Green Lane, PA 18054*

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority's wastewater treatment facility, which would help prevent improperly treated waste from entering local waterways.

**Red Lion Road and Philmont Avenue Roadway Improvements - \$200,000**

*Lower Moreland Township  
640 Red Lion Road  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006*

This project will help Lower Moreland Township improve Red Lion Road by designing dual left-turn lanes along the northbound approach (including widening of the existing bridge

structure), a right-turn lane along the eastbound approach of Philmont Avenue, and an additional through lane along the westbound approach of Philmont Avenue. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve mobility in the Township.

**Devon Theater Education Program - \$125,000**

*Mayfair Community Development Corporation  
2990 Saint Vincent Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19149*

This project will provide cultural and arts programming, including workshops and children theater camps at the Devon Theater. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide cultural enrichment opportunities for residents of Northeast Philadelphia.

**Education Center including technology-based - \$750,000  
educational programming and related exhibits**

*National Museum of American Jewish History  
55 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106*

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the National Museum of American Jewish History will teach visitors about the American Jewish experience. It will also be a major tourist destination for the City of Philadelphia that will create jobs and improve the regional economy.

**The Hancock Street Project - \$1,000,000**

*The Peak Center, Inc.  
315 West Main Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446*

This project will help The PEAK Center build a new active senior community center serving the greater North Penn region in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that Montgomery County seniors will have access to health and wellness services.

**Byberry Road and Bustleton Avenue Intersection Improvements - \$800,000**

*City of Philadelphia  
1401 JFK Boulevard, Suite 1430  
Philadelphia, PA 19102*

This project would upgrade traffic signals at the intersection of Byberry Road and Bustleton Avenue and add a turning lane to serve the increased traffic. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these upgrades will make flows more efficient and safer.



**Farm to School Program - \$201,250**

*School District of Philadelphia  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19130*

This funding will be used to expand a pilot program at the School District of Philadelphia to bring healthy, fresh foods from farms in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland to serve to students. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will expand access to fresh and healthy food and address the challenges of childhood obesity.

**Sandyford Run Wetland Creation - \$200,000**

*United States Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District  
The Wannamaker Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107*

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help environmentally restore the Sandyford Run in Northeast Philadelphia, which is part of the Pennypack Watershed.

**Glen Foerd Seawall Restoration - \$300,000**

*United States Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District  
The Wannamaker Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107*

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would restore the seawall of the Glen Foerd Historic Property in Northeast Philadelphia. This property is open to the public and helps preserve the history of life on the Delaware River Waterfront in the nineteenth century.

**Delaware River Waterfront - \$300,000**

*United States Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District  
The Wannamaker Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107*

This is a worthy use of taxpayer funds because it will help generate recommendations for improving the environment along the Delaware River, including riparian habitat improvement, water quality control, historic preservation.

**Delaware River Dredged Material Utilization - \$200,000**

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District  
The Wannamaker Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107*

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will determine potential beneficial uses of dredged materials that are removed from the Delaware River.

**Salford Station Road Bridge Replacement - \$250,000**

*Upper Salford Township*

*1441 Salford Station Rd.*

*Salfordville, PA 18958*

This project would replace the Salford Station Road bridge, which has been closed at the request of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation due to the deterioration of the structure. Replacing the bridge would improve mobility through out Upper Salford Township as the current detour around the bridge is approximately three miles.