

Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations

Consistent with the policy of the House Appropriations Committee, below is a list of requests submitted to the office of Congressman Bill Shuster that fully meet the guidelines established in Congressman Shuster's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Appropriations request forms.

Guidelines established by the House Committee on Appropriations for FY 2010 require Members to post information regarding requests on their official House website at the time the request is made.

Inclusion on this list does not in any way offer an indication regarding support for projects or the prospect of securing funding for FY 2010.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order by county.

The requesting entities for each request have signed certification forms consenting to the public disclosure of the below information and have attested to the accuracy of the information provided.

The office of Congressman Shuster is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the information provided by the requesting entities.

Project Name	County	Proposed Recipient	Proposed Recipient Address	Amount of the Request	Explanation of the request, including purpose, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds
Hardmetal Epidemiology Investigation	Allegheny	University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biostatistics	A410 Crabtree Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15650	\$7 million	Click here for information
AFATDS Voice Recognition and Cross Platform Speech Interface System	Bedford	Szanca Solutions, Inc.	100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522	\$2.5 million	Click here for information
Bedford County Business Park, Bedford, PA	Bedford	Bedford County Development Association	One Corporate Drive, Suite 101, Bedford, PA 15222	\$300,000	Click here for information
Hyndman Area Health Center Inc., Bedford Office	Bedford	Hyndman Area Health Center, Inc.	144 Fifth Avenue, Hyndman, PA 15545	\$800,000 - \$1.2 million	Click here for information
Lutzville Road and Raystown Branch of Juniata River Trail	Bedford	Juniata Woolen Mill, Inc.	1427 Lutzville Road, Everett, PA 15537	\$204,000	Click here for information
Maritime C4ISR System	Bedford	Mission Critical Solutions, LLC	271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521	\$4.5 million	Click here for information
Maritime Persistent Power and Storage	Bedford	Mission Critical Solutions, LLC	271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521	\$4.5 million	Click here for information
Multilingual Collaboration Program	Bedford	Szanca Solutions	100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522	\$2 million	Click here for information
Warrior Health and Wellness Analytic Capacity	Bedford	Szanca Solutions	100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522	\$5 million	Click here for information
ALC Logistics Integration Environment	Blair	IS2 Technologies, Inc.	3018 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602	\$2 million	Click here for information

Altoona Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment	Blair	City of Altoona	1319 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601	\$174,000	Click here for information
Altoona Indoor Sports Complex	Blair	Central Blair County Recreation and Park Commission	2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602	\$7 - \$12 million	Click here for information
Altoona Parking Garage Reconstruction Project	Blair	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation	3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602	\$1 million	Click here for information
Altoona Recreational Facility	Blair	Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission	2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602	\$200,000	Click here for information
Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation FLEX Building Construction Project	Blair	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation	3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602	\$3.5 million	Click here for information
Booker T. Washington Community Revitalization Project	Blair	Central Blair County Recreation and Park Commission	2102 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602	\$350,000	Click here for information
Centralized Print Shop	Blair	Altoona Area School District	1415 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602	\$454,414	Click here for information
City of Altoona Bicycle Route Network	Blair	City of Altoona	Altoona City Hall, 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601	\$627,000	Click here for information
City of Altoona Wireless Video Surveillance System	Blair	City of Altoona	Altoona City Hall, 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601	\$500,000	Click here for information
Community Development and Restoration of Lower Fairview, Altoona, PA	Blair	The Nehemiah Project	800 Valley View Boulevard, Altoona, PA	\$100,000	Click here for information
DGINet Battlefield Visualization Infrastructure Refresh	Blair	Northrop Grumman - Intelligence Group	15036 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151	\$3.5 million	Click here for information

Digital Mammography Equipment	Blair	Altoona Regional Health System	620 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601	\$900,000	Click here for information
I-99 Corridor Business Park Development Project	Blair	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation	3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602	\$2 million	Click here for information
I-99 Entrepreneurial Institute	Blair	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation	3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602	\$300,000	Click here for information
Juniata Hybrid Locomotive	Blair	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$1.5 million	Click here for information
Lakemont Sewer District Rehabilitation Project Phase II	Blair	Logan Township	800 39th Street, Altoona, PA 16602	\$500,000	Click here for information
Making Space for All Ages	Blair	Altoona Area Public Library	1600 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602	\$500,000	Click here for information
Operation Access	Blair	Easter Seals Central Pennsylvania	501 Valley View Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602	\$289,475	Click here for information
Operation Our Town	Blair	Operation Our Town	5506 6th Avenue Rear, Altoona, PA 16602	\$300,000	Click here for information
Quarterbacks for Life Mentoring Program	Blair	Beating the Odds Foundation	312 Sweet Cherry Court, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648	\$100,000	Click here for information
Replacement of an unsafe outdated non-compliant ladder truck	Blair	Excelsior Volunteer Fire Department No1 Bellwood	399 South 1st Street, Bellwood, PA 16617	\$178,600	Click here for information
Restoration of Altoona's Historic Mishler Theatre	Blair	Blair County Arts Foundation	1212 Twelfth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601	\$50,000	Click here for information

Roof Replacement for Pineroft Volunteer Fire Department	Blair	Pineroft Volunteer Fire Department	RR 7, Box 890, Altoona, PA 16601	\$54,000	Click here for information
Simulation in Nursing Education, Facilities and Equipment	Blair	Pennsylvania State University - Altoona	3000 Ivyside Park, Altoona, PA 16601	\$500,000	Click here for information
Sustainable Communities Project	Blair	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation	3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602	\$750,000	Click here for information
Arena Physical Plant Upgrade	Cambria	Cambria County War Memorial Arena	326 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, PA 15901	\$235,000	Click here for information
Cambria 9th Public Service Providers Association	Cambria	Cambria 9th Public Servers Providers	496 Railroad Avenue, P.O. Box 203, Patton, PA 16668	\$300,000	Click here for information
Center for Global Competitiveness	Cambria	Saint Francis University	PO Box 600, 117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940	\$350,000	Click here for information
Coal County Hangout Youth Center, Northern Cambria, PA	Cambria	Coal County Hangout Youth Center	1102 Maple Avenue, Northern Cambria, PA 17717	\$50,000	Click here for information
New Fire Station	Cambria	Spangler Fire Company	2001 Bigler Avenue, Northern Cambria Borough, PA	\$500,000	Click here for information
Nurse Education - Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)	Cambria	Saint Francis University	117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940	\$2 million	Click here for information
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Workforce Education Complex	Cambria	Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	101 Community College Way, Johnstown, PA 15904	\$1.5 million	Click here for information

Property Management / Project Development	Cambria	Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation	4200 Crawford Avenue, Suite 200, Northern Cambria, PA	\$135,000	Click here for information
Rural Health - Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)	Cambria	Saint Francis University	117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940	\$7.5 million	Click here for information
Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA	Centre	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$400,000	Click here for information
Dairy Farm Profitability, PA	Centre	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$550,000	Click here for information
Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA	Centre	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$400,000	Click here for information
Integrated Bioenergy Farm	Centre	The Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$1 million	Click here for information
Milk Safety, PA	Centre	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$800,000	Click here for information
Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA	Centre	Pennsylvania State University	117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802	\$400,000	Click here for information
Coalport Borough Streetscape Project, Coalport, PA	Clearfield	Coalport Borough Council	961 Forest Street, Coalport, PA 16627	\$150,000	Click here for information
Campus Surface Transportation Improvements, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Cumberland	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257	\$1 million	Click here for information

Regional Conference Center, Phase III, Shippensburg University Foundation, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Cumberland	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257	\$500,000	Click here for information
Voices of the Past Speak to the Future	Cumberland	Military Heritage Foundation (Army Heritage Center Foundation)	930 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013	\$202,000	Click here for information
Fallingwater Improvements	Fayette	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	800 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburg, PA 15222	\$1 million	Click here for information
Fayette Business Park, Fayette County, PA	Fayette	Fayette Industrial Fund	2 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401	\$300,000	Click here for information
Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport, Lemont Furnace, PA	Fayette	County of Fayette	61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401	\$1 million	Click here for information
Ohiopyle Transportation Improvements Project, Fayette County, PA	Fayette	Borough of Fayette	61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401	\$1.52 million	Click here for information
Cadmium Emissions Reduction - Letterkenny Army Depot	Franklin	Mountain Research, LLC	825 25th Street, Altoona, PA 16601	\$1 million	Click here for information
Chambersburg Downtown Public Library Building	Franklin	Franklin County Library System	101 Ragged Edge Road South, Chambersburg, PA 17202	\$5 million	Click here for information
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS) – Rallying to Relocate	Franklin	Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter	2325 County Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202	\$3.5 million	Click here for information
Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA) for Key Resource Protection - South Central, PA	Franklin	L. Robert Kimball & Associates	615 West Highland Avenue, Ebensburg, PA 15931	\$3 million	Click here for information

Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance	Franklin	Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance	14 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201	\$300,000	Click here for information
Grindstone Hill Road Phase II Extensions Project	Franklin	Antrim Township Board of Supervisors	10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA 17225	\$6,637,202	Click here for information
Improvements to I-81, Franklin County, PA	Franklin	Township of Antrim	10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA 17225	\$1.5 million	Click here for information
Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Heritage & Discovery Center	Franklin	Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association	101 Pine Grove Road, Fayetteville, PA 17222	\$55,194	Click here for information
Request for Veterinary Equipment to Enhance Local & Regional Education and Animal Care	Franklin	Wilson College	1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201	\$154,400	Click here for information
Tuscarora Community and School Outdoor Wellness Complex	Franklin	Tuscarora School District	118 E. Seminary Street, Mercersburg, PA 17236	\$593,750	Click here for information
Belfast Township – Village of Needmore Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System	Fulton	County of Fulton	116 West Market Street, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$1 million	Click here for information
County of Fulton Energy Efficiency and Accessibility Upgrades Project	Fulton	County of Fulton	116 West Market Street, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$600,000	Click here for information
Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV)	Fulton	JLG Industries	1 JLG Drive, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$3.4 million	Click here for information

JLG Drive / Route 16 Turning Lane Project	Fulton	County of Fulton	116 West Market Street, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$80,000	Click here for information
McConnellsburg Municipal Authority – Mountain View Sewer Line Replacement Project	Fulton	County of Fulton	116 West Market Street, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$225,000	Click here for information
Millennia Military Vehicle / Extendable Boom Fork Lift (MMV / EBFL)	Fulton	JLG Industries	1 JLG Drive, McConnellsburg, PA 17233	\$6 million	Click here for information
Federal Drive Storm Sewer Improvements and Street Reconstruction Project (Phase 1, Phase II, and Phase III)	Huntingdon	Borough of Mount Union	9 West Market Street, P.O. Box 90, Mount Union, PA 17066	\$270,000	Click here for information
High Speed Internet Expansion in Rural PA	Huntingdon	Raystown Wireless, Inc.	4862 Twin Pines Lane, Hesston, PA 16647	\$300,000	Click here for information
Huntingdon Borough Wastewater Improvements	Huntingdon	Huntingdon Borough	530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652	\$500,000	Click here for information
Huntingdon Community Center Building Project	Huntingdon	Huntingdon Community Center	P.O. Box 424, 310 Fifth Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652	\$2.7 million	Click here for information
J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Equipment	Huntingdon	J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital	1225 Warm Springs Avenue, Huntingdon, PA 16652	\$180,000	Click here for information
Juniata Valley Elementary School Energy Efficient HVAC Upgrade, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania	Huntingdon	Juniata Valley School District	7775 Juniata Valley Pike, Alexandria, PA 16611	\$300,000	Click here for information

Raystown Lake, PA	Huntingdon	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Raystown Lake	6145 Seven Points Road, Hesston, PA 16647	\$4 million	Click here for information
Adaptive EOD Tactical System	Indiana	MobilVox, Inc.	12007 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 310, Reston, VA 20191	\$3.2 million	Click here for information
CenterWorks - Center for Turning and Furniture Design, Indiana, PA	Indiana	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	1011 South Drive, John Sutton Hall, Room 235, Indiana, PA 15705	\$400,000	Click here for information
Indiana Regional Medical Center, Equipment	Indiana	Indiana Regional Medical Center	835 Hospital Road, Indiana, PA 15701	\$500,000	Click here for information
Indiana Streetscape Project, Indiana, PA	Indiana	Borough of Indiana	Municipal Building, 80 North Eight Street, Indiana, PA 15701	\$500,000	Click here for information
Emergency Communications Tower, Juniata County, Pennsylvania	Juniata	Juniata County Commissioners	26 N. Main Street, Mifflintown, PA 17059	\$600,000	Click here for information
South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program	Multiple	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District	10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201	\$20 million	Click here for information
Broad Street Family Health Center, Equipment	Perry	Spirit Physician Services, Inc.	205 Grandview Avenue, Suite 210, Camp Hill, PA 17011	\$20,000	Click here for information
Borough of Somerset, PA, Downtown Streetscape Enhancements	Somerset	Borough of Somerset	PO Box 71, West Union Street, Somerset, PA 15501	\$566,720	Click here for information
Communications Tower, Somerset County, Pennsylvania	Somerset	County of Somerset	300 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501	\$350,000	Click here for information

Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA	Somerset	National Park Service	109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501	\$4 million	Click here for information
Flight 93 National Memorial, Somerset, Pennsylvania	Somerset	National Park Service	109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501	\$725,000	Click here for information
Flight 93 National Memorial, Transportation Improvements, Somerset, PA	Somerset	National Park Service	109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501	\$3 million	Click here for information
Meyersdale Medical Center Medical Office Building	Somerset	Meyersdale Community Hospital DBA Meyersdale Medical Center	200 Hospital Drive, Meyersdale, PA 15552	\$800,000	Click here for information
Shanksville-Stonycreek School District	Somerset	Shanksville-Stonycreek School District	P.O. Box 128, 1325 Cornerstone Road, Shanksville, PA 15560	\$500,000	Click here for information
Somerset Hospital, PA, Telemetry and Vita. Signs Monitoring Systems	Somerset	Somerset Hospital	225 South Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501	\$300,000	Click here for information
Somerset Oncology Center Patient Navigator Program	Somerset	Allegheny General Hospital	320 East North Avenue, Pittsburg, PA 15212	\$12,000	Click here for information
Lincoln Highway Experience	Westmoreland	Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, Inc.	114 S. Market Street, Ligonier, PA 15658	\$7,480,878	Click here for information

Project Name

Hardmetal Epidemiology Investigation

Amount Requested

\$7 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

University of Pittsburg, Department of Biostatistics
A410 Crabtree Hall
Pittsburgh, PA 15650

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project will provide for an epidemiological study to determine the potential health impacts from workplace exposures to hardmetal powders. "Hardmetal" refers to metal composites, notably tungsten carbide with a cobalt binder, known for their durability and wear resistance. In 2003-2004, three governmental and scientific bodies designated hardmetal (i.e. tungsten carbide/cobalt) as a possible carcinogen to humans. A critical review by an independent toxicological consultant identified significant weaknesses in the study (i.e. small study size, lack of reliable exposure information and the inability to control for potential confounding by cigarette smoking, etc.) The study also involved no input by industry or its consultants. Tungsten touches almost every product that is produced in modern manufacturing, as it is a common component in manufacturing equipment and materials – including munitions, military vehicles and other equipment. Hardmetal is used extensively in tooling to manufacture and maintain ordnance, missiles, automotive and aviation equipment, and to produce rifle bullets, vehicle armor, kinetic energy penetrators, missile warheads, and many other critical battlefield systems. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because a more accurate and reliable study is necessary before classified carcinogens, like hardmetal, will be "deselected and phased out" of manufacturing, slowing the manufacturing process and making it harder, if not impossible, to deliver needed products to the battlefields for U.S. soldiers.

Project Name

AFATDS Voice Recognition and Cross Platform Speech Interface System

Amount Requested

\$2.5 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

Szanca Solutions, Inc.
100 East Pitt Street
Bedford, PA 15522

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project will provide voice activation to legacy command and control systems to improve the ease of use, accuracy, and timeliness of the systems. The project will continue the work done to bring speech controlled operations and in addition provide a cross-platform solution that can be integrated to a wide variety of military systems. Doing so will dramatically increase the functionality and useful life of legacy systems while decreasing training costs and increasing operational speed.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because many of the Army's current command and control systems require a series of complicated keyboard entries to operate, making the systems slower to operate and prone to errors in stressful environments. This can result in delays providing commanders with critical information and in executing mission critical fire missions. This program will focus on solutions to those issues, allow quicker access to tactical information, and increase the speed in which targets can be fired.

Project Name

Bedford County Business Park, Bedford, PA

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Bedford County Development Association
One Corporate Drive
Suite 101
Bedford, PA 15222

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for the development of a business park in Bedford County, Pennsylvania to facilitate regional economic growth and development. The project is expected to focus on the creation of high tech, light industrial, office, and warehouse distribution. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is estimated that completion of this project would create approximately 500 new jobs.

General Information

Project name: Hyndman Area Health Center Inc, Bedford Office

Amount of funding requested: \$800,000 – 1.2 million

Entity to receive funding: Hyndman Arca Health Center, Inc.

Street address of entity to receive funding: 144 Fifth Avenue, Hyndman, PA 15545

Location of the project:

- County: Bedford
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
602 E Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522 or S Thomas Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

As we have several alternative sites we have three addresses, however the requirements are basically the same at either location. At the 602 East Pitt St, Bedford, Pa location we would purchase a building, renovate the interior to meet our needs for a medical and dental practice and staff and equip the facility. That building is brick with electric heat and central air, two rest rooms and is handi-cap accessible. The next facility is at 220 S Thomas St in Bedford and is a two story, brick building and would also need renovations, staffing and equipping. This facility is approximately 9000 square feet and allows for expansion well into the future. The third property is off Route 30 about three miles from Bedford and would require the most work to meet our requirements. It is a 40' X 42' commercial building with adequate parking, well and city sewerage. These properties range in price from 249,000 to 750,000 and their renovation would be proportionally more or less depending upon the condition they are received in at the time of purchase.

It is our intent to operate both medical and dental services; presently Bedford lacks the much needed dental program.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Hyndman Area Health Center is in need of congressional support due to the nature of our area and its' inhabitants, both geographical and cultural. Bedford County is a rural, mountainous area which encompasses both Medically Underserved Populations and Health Professional Shortage Area designations. Bedford County has 49,650 residents, of which 34.5% of the population is below 200% of the federal poverty level. The bureaucratic requirements coupled with the length of procuring funds from HRSA and HHS results in HAHC's need of a congressional earmark. This will be used to fund a Bedford facility and staff one year, HAHC will then be able to absorb the cost of operations. Due to the requirements of HRSA we are ineligible to receive grant funding for our site since it is in operation currently. At this time we lease a building, however, that lease will be up in two years and we need to have a building in which we can expand services. We have many patients who never pay their bills at the health center yet require services and we see them as it is our mission to do so, this however, leaves the center with services rendered without the accompanying revenue.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This project will benefit the Bedford County community and beyond in several ways; economically, health wise and in reducing overall costs to our health system in the state and the nation. By our federal government investing approximately one million dollars in our health centers we can provide the 9193 and rising uninsured and the 17,218 individuals who are below 200% of the poverty level here in Bedford County. At present, Bedford County is 64th of 67 counties in unemployment and there are no other providers of primary care that have a sliding fee program for those below 200% of the FPL. This project will provide 8-9 good paying permanent jobs with benefits. This includes a dentist, physician, nurses, and staff which will benefit the local economy as well as the center doing business with area vendors. Additionally, patient visits to Bedford from all areas of the county and beyond will assist the local economy from gas stations to restaurants and grocery stores. By adding nine jobs to the Bedford County economy we would have a change in earnings of 678,000, a jobs change of 15, a sales multiplier of 1.34 and jobs multiplier of 1.26 which is the total jobs created across the county for each additional job created in the industry. This would have the effect of a net increase in total earnings of 8.72 dollars. The local economy will benefit from increased revenue to local, state and federal taxes and shopping in the local area.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The Hyndman Area Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center that services uninsured and underinsured citizens with sites in Bedford and Hyndman, Bedford County is in need of one time funding from Congress, due to the requirements of HRSA, BPH and HHS we are unable to qualify for grants. We have a site in Bedford, however we rent and the lease will be up in two years, we are in need of a permanent facility. Since we are already established, HRSA disqualifies us for grants to expand our services. With congressional funds we would be able to secure our Hyndman facility, purchase a building in Bedford and renovate staff and equip it and be financially viable in one year. As a non-profit it is virtually impossible for us to acquire the funds needed to expand our Bedford office and anchor our Hyndman facility from other avenues or from operating funds. We have served the community for the past thirty-one years and need this one time investment to enable us to offer more

services to an ever increasing number of patients in the county. We serve patients from Bedford, Blair, Somerset, Fulton and Huntingdon counties and require our services to expand in our Bedford office especially. This facility would stand as a testament to congressional spending that is directly and economically serving the people of the United States, Pennsylvania and Bedford County. There is no other entity that can provide us the funding needed.

General Information

Project name: Lutzville Road and Raystown Branch of Juniata River Trail

Amount of funding requested: \$204,000

Entity to receive funding: Juniata Woolen Mill, Inc.

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1427 Lutzville Road, Everett, PA 15537-6816

Location of the project:

- County: Bedford
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

An important initiative of the Juniata Woolen Mill, Inc. is to conserve and enhance the Mill's picturesque river setting by interpreting its natural environment through the construction of a river front trail. For many years this picturesque roadside and river bank environment has appealed to those seeking relaxation, a simple roadside picnic, or access to the river for fishing and canoeing. The scenic beauty, tranquil setting, historical significance of the Mill and convenient river access all contribute to the need to preserve this site for the benefit of the public.

The first phase, 500 feet of the trail on the south side of the Mill, was completed in 2007 and included three interpretative signs. These signs described American Indian settlements in the area, the importance of the river and road to early settlers and the history of the Mill. The second phase will continue the trail on the north side of the Mill to the river crossing bridge providing full access to the Mill and off-road parking. This phase will include a walkway bridge, a boat launch, parking areas, Interpretative signage and a picnic/gathering area.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The implementation of the Master Plan for the Lutzville Road and river side enhancement including the restoration of historic Juniata Woolen Mill has the full support of many. This ongoing project has been financially supported by Pennsylvania agencies such as DCNR, DCED, PHMC, and Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, and the Federal Highway Administration. Other funding support has been received from McCune Foundation, Community Foundation of the Alleghenies, Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, Snake Spring Township and generous gifts provided by the community including local agencies such as the Rotary and REI.

The current phase of the Lutzville Trail has experienced a significant shortfall. A grant provided by Pennsylvania DCNR Growing Greener Program administered through the Bedford County Commissioners will fund a portion of the Phase II trail. Construction of this project will be possible through favorable consideration of this request for Federal funding.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Immediately the project will provide construction employment.

The completion of the project has long term benefits to the local community, region and country. The story must be preserved and told of inhabitation by the Delaware Indians, the importance of the river and local roads and our country's early expansion as related to frontiersman John Lutz

and his woolen factory. Education, through heritage tourism, river and trail recreation and environmental conservation is the focus of the project. The completion of this project will be a part of the community's historic cultural fabric promoting education and tourism.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The Mill provided woolen stockings and blankets for the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War and the Spanish American War.

Lutzville Road came into being on the need for John Lutz to gain access to the Bedford Chambersburg Turnpike, formerly the Forbes Trail, Lincoln Highway, and now U.S. Route 30 located less than a mile away.

The importance of the Mill and the residence of John Lutz, now known as Newry Manor, are documented by designation as historic structures. The uniqueness of the unspoiled river front and bordering Lutzville Road has been and is currently enjoyed by the public. The completion of this phase of the project enhances the opportunity to educate the public including school children and adult alike on the importance of the area's history. Long term employment through tourism, recreation and environmental education will be realized.

The Lutzville Road Trail is an integral part of the Bedford County's Juniata River Trail and the larger county wide plan for a network of trails. This project conforms to the Bedford County Comprehensive Plan, and the Southern Alleghenies Greenway and Open Space.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Program Description: The Maritime C4ISR System is a comprehensive suite of sensor devices together with IP based network communications to support C4ISR situational awareness technologies for maritime protection missions. Specifically, the system was conceived for port and coastal security missions requiring enhanced situational awareness, integrating and fusing existing sensors via internet accessible applications. The Maritime C4ISR system allows the user to manage several complex and diverse tasks simultaneously through remote access, automation, information management and the development or enhancement of decision aides to simplify decision-making and support defensive action by joint forces. These systems can be deployed as necessary to support nuclear facilities, shipping routes, high-value events, oil platforms, border crossing as well as overseas operations as needed. The systems support a general overall maritime picture and can incorporate existing sensors (bridge cameras, radar sites and communications platforms). This system architecture has demonstrated capability to support other transportation medium including major roadways, railway and trucking, monitoring cargo and carriers.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Maritime C4ISR system development is currently underway in coordination with the US Army's Communication Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), Software Engineering Directorate (SED) in Fort Monmouth, NJ. An initial system configuration is being integrated and includes a network-centric electronic warfare sensor, electro-optic camera sensors, an Automatic Identification System (AIS), and a weather monitoring system to create a C4ISR system capable of performing port security and coastal surveillance missions. The deployment of the system relies on portable sustainable power systems that convert solar and wind to electrical power, allowing the system to be fielded with no additional supporting infrastructure. This support will allow MCS to continue the needed research to move the systems towards a finished product that will be able to service the military secure ports, rails, water ways, pipeline and vulnerable US infrastructure.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

In support of critical maritime C4ISR operations, the development of robust network communications is required to insure reliable, wide bandwidth data exchanges with the deployed Maritime C4ISR System. The use of wireless mesh networks that support IP based communications need to be integrated into the Maritime C4ISR System architecture. The addition of this capability significantly increases the effectiveness of the current system architecture by increasing the reliability of the network communications and allowing for improved system-to-system data exchanges. The development includes both hardware and software and provides the mesh network wireless radios, analysis software to measure the mesh network performance, visualization software to monitor the mesh network configuration, and communications software to provide IP compatible interfaces for system-to-system data exchanges. Three complete sets of mesh network hardware and software components will be developed for the Maritime C4ISR System program.

Program Description: This program builds on the recent success and advancements in ground-based power and alternative power fuel systems as well as advancements in solar, small wind driven and micro-hydro power generation systems. The power storage system will incorporate recently developed, commercially available battery/super capacitor technology for storing power from wind, solar, micro-hydro and regeneration techniques. The portable power platform employs integration of the lead-acid/ super capacitor battery cells with wind, solar and fuel cells coupled to achieve ultra low acoustic and thermal signatures. The program will also employ a high efficiency power convertor which will support a greater variety of sensors while extending the project mission,

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Maritime Persistent Power and Storage System is currently being developed to support Maritime Domain Awareness during national weather disasters, terrorist attacks, and at limited-infrastructure OCONUS Port locations. In emergency response or disaster recovery operations, The Maritime Persistent Power and Storage System may also be used to support all wireless communications when power is difficult to access or maintain.

The system supports an unattended sensor mast which enables the execution of a variety of C2 and ISR missions. The requested funding will provide for the development, delivery and performance testing for three (3) complete alternative energy power storage/generation systems and sensor suite mast system equipped with next generation battery/super capacitor storage and an ultra-high efficiency intelligent power conversion module.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The continuation of the Maritime Persistent Power and Storage program will bring lasting benefit to MCS and Bedford County. Once the Research and Development is complete the system will be used world wide for security purposes which include water ways, pipelines, rails, nuclear power plant, etc. The Power management systems will be manufactured at MCS in Bedford County and we will have a team of technicians that will travel to installation location. We will also create a service department to be deployed for upgrades and general maintenance. The goal is to hire as many employees from Bedford County as need. A project this size will require 5-10 dedicated employees in the R&D phase and as many as 100 for full project deployment. We have already been in contact with the Army on the use of this system on water ways they protect.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

In support of remote and low infrastructure Maritime C4ISR installations, MCS will deliver three (3) next generation systems that will increase the power storage capability of the existing designs while simultaneously increasing the energy efficiency of the conversion of power from the form provided by wind generator and solar cells to the power input requirements of the sensors. The portable power platform in conjunction with the power reduction system allow for uninterrupted communication for extended periods of time by reducing equipment power consumption and using technologies which perform in all weather conditions.

General Information

Project name: Multilingual Collaboration Program

Amount of funding requested: \$2M

Entity to receive funding: Szanca Solutions

Street address of entity to receive funding: 100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Location of the project:

- County: Bedford
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Multilingual Collaboration (MC) Program addresses one of today's greatest military challenges – quick communication directly between coalition forces without human translators. The inability of soldiers operating in a coalition environments to communicate directly without translation often leads to a confusion on the battle field limiting the speed of response to time sensitive events. Coalition forces in Iraq, ISAF forces in Afghanistan, and military humanitarian aid all require tools to provide not just distributed communication but multilingual distributed collaboration in which the language barrier no longer exists.

The MC Program will develop a solution to the language communication barrier through innovation in software technologies. The program will provide users with the ability to communicate with multinational forces in real-time through the development and integration of a multilingual translation engine into traditional collaboration tools. Within these tools each user will have the ability to select a preferred language for all communications. When users communicate with one another, the receiving system will validate whether the sending user language match the preferred language of the recipient. If the language selected is different, the translation engine is invoked to translate the message into the locally selected language without human intervention.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Today's military challenges place a demand on the US Armed Forces to operate in coalition environments with personnel distributed throughout the world. Geographical boundaries can be overcome by a move towards Net Centric Warfare which provides the necessary communication and data services for remote collaboration. The use of coalition forces though introduces a new barrier that has not yet solved by today's technology. The inability for soldiers to communicate directly without translation often leads to a confusion on the battle field limiting the speed of response to time sensitive events. Coalition forces in Iraq, ISAF forces in Afghanistan, military humanitarian aid to foreign disasters and personnel supporting the local reconstruction and training of new national police forces all require tools to provide not just distributed communication but multilingual distributed collaboration in which the language barrier no longer exists.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The work on this program will be performed in Bedford, PA. This program will have a significant impact on the continued job growth in Bedford County by creating ten new jobs. The jobs created will be highly skilled positions in the systems engineering, computer science, computer programming, system testing, Army Command and Control, and program management fields. This program will continue the high technology work currently being performed in Bedford County and it will expand the significance Bedford County brings to the I-99 corridor. The jobs and business capabilities created by this program will provide a capability to serve the DOD as well as other government agencies for many years in the future.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Federal funding is required for this program to improve the ability of coalition forces to quickly and effectively perform their mission. The US Armed Forces operate in coalition environments with personnel distributed throughout the world. Geographical boundaries can be overcome by Net Centric Warfare which provides the necessary communication and data services for remote collaboration. However, coalition forces need the ability to quickly communicate directly to each other without human translation. This delay in communication often leads to confusion on the battle field limiting the speed of response to time sensitive events.

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Benefit to Department of Defense (maximum of 250 words):

Federal funding is required for this program to improve the ability of coalition forces to quickly and effectively perform their mission. The US Armed Forces operate in coalition environments with personnel distributed throughout the world. Geographical boundaries can be overcome by Net Centric Warfare which provides the necessary communication and data services for remote collaboration. However, coalition forces need the ability to quickly communicate directly to each other without human translation. This delay in communication often leads to confusion on the battle field limiting the speed of response to time sensitive events.

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General Information

Project name: Warrior Health and Wellness Analytic Capability

Amount of funding requested: \$5M

Entity to receive funding: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Street address of entity to receive funding: 100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Location of the project:

- County: Bedford
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

This program will provide an all-source analytics and data fusion capability to enable the Medical Science Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to fuse information from a variety of data sources (such as HHS, VA, DoD, Command Health Scientists). The objectives are to understand the “first principles” problem of combat stress injury/illness, examine shifts in mental injury and illness patterns, and conduct a “white-space” analysis of multiple research efforts undertaken by various medical stakeholder agencies. This program will support the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to derive actionable intelligence to advise the Office of the President of the United States on the development of a strategic roadmap for the DoD and Inter-agency Medical Research Community. The program will automatically extract information from multimedia sources to ascertain medical domain content and context. The program will use a broad portfolio of data analytics such as link analysis, intelligence analysis, statistical/stochastic analysis, and Bayesian analysis and employ data visualization and reporting techniques to display results. The program will ensure anytime, anywhere access to information over the World Wide Web and it will ensure data security and privacy by implementing cross-domain information security, network security and access controls.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

This program will provide an all-source analytics and data fusion capability to enable the Medical Science Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to fuse information from a variety of data sources (such as HHS, VA, DoD, Command Health Scientists) to understand combat stress injury/illness, shifts in mental injury and illness patterns, and related research efforts. The program will support the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to derive actionable intelligence to advise the Office of the President of the United States in the development of a strategic roadmap for the DoD. Shifts in the patterns of combat stress injuries characterized by high exposures to advanced kinetic weapons necessitate the urgent need to accelerate the solution. However, related information such as service records, deployment data, medical data, and research data currently resides in multiple data sources and there is no capability to bring them together. Additionally, multiple stakeholders are conducting research that is often stove-piped and not readily available to support timely decision making or allow diagnosis and treatment of combat stress injuries. What is required is an all-source analytics and data fusion capability that can support the scientific analysis of combat stress and other combat related injuries.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

All work on this program will be performed in Bedford, PA. This program will be a joint effort between Szanca Solutions and Concurrent Technologies Corporation working out of a shared Bedford County Facility. The program will have a significant impact on the continued job growth in Bedford County by creating twenty new jobs. The jobs created will be highly skilled positions in medical science, systems engineering, computer science, database management, computer programming, system testing, Army Command and Control, and program management fields. This program will continue the high technology work currently being performed in Bedford County and it will expand the significance Bedford County brings to the I-99 corridor. The jobs and business capabilities created by this program will provide a capability to serve the Army as well as other government agencies for many years in the future.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

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Benefit to Department of Defense (maximum of 250 words):

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fusion capability that can support the scientific analysis of combat stress and other combat related injuries.

Project Name

ALC Logistics Integration Environment

Amount Requested

\$2 million

Is there any language attached to this project request? If so, include it here

Intended Recipient of Funds

IS2 Technologies, Inc.
3018 Pleasant Valley Blvd.
Altoona, PA 16602

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project will develop a Logistics Integration Environment using COTS software that facilitates pulling together teams of people to optimize battlefield readiness and improve the availability of aircraft and associated subsystems. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Air Force Logistics Centers lack an integrated data environment for service, repair, and overall logistics. Development and deployment of the Logistics Information Environment would:

- Develop and implement a collaborative logistics management solution that would provide a single source of data for the maintainers, supply and battlefield environments
- Provide optimized predictive logistics modeling for critical supportability factors such as spare parts, maintenance schedules, and survivability under fire
- Capture aircraft performance information that may be used to drive further improvements in survivability
- Allow for real-time collaboration across the R&D, acquisition, logistics, and warfighter communities.
- Reduce costs by reducing the time required to research and collect the engineering and logistics data necessary to support unplanned / unscheduled depot-level maintenance requirements

Benefits to our warfighting capability would be:

- Mission readiness: Improve the readiness of rapidly deployed aircraft
- Cost Avoidance: Minimize the cost and complexity of the aircraft logistics footprint
- Innovation: Allow for accelerated innovation to aircraft and subsystems, continuously improving their operational performance and survivability

Additional benefits would include composite data that can be used to formalize and distribute Interactive Electric Technical Manuals (IETM) and dynamic work cards for maintenance planning and instructions.

General Information

Project name: Altoona Fire Department Hazerdous Materials Response Team Equipment

Amount of funding requested: \$174,000

Entity to receive funding: City of Altoona

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1319 Washington Avenue

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The Haz-Mat Response Team (HMRT) provides response coverage for Blair County and is a resource for the South Central Mountains Terrorism Task Force. Within this area are several potential terrorism targets including: main line railroad infrastructure, interstate highways, a regional trauma center, and a water system serving several hundred thousand constituents. The HMRT also responds to many industrial sites that count on us in their Emergency Action Plans to mitigate emergencies that involve life safety and property. This project will help keep our responders safe while conducting this dangerous work by replacing (12) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that are reaching the end of their life expectancy. The new SCBA will also allow us to remotely monitor air levels and personal alarm devices. This plan also will allow us to acquire a Smiths Haz-Mat ID portable chemical identifier. This piece of equipment will allow us to more quickly identify a wider range of chemicals. This project also includes purchase of an all wheel drive / all terrain vehicle, "Gator" with trailer. The "Gator" will be used to transport personnel and equipment to remote areas in our response area, especially along the main line railroad.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): The City of Altoona has experienced decades of declining tax base and population reduction. The average age of our population is increasing and the City is at the maximum tax millage allowed by Commonwealth law. All of these situations add to the city's financial status, however the municipal leadership has worked with the Pennsylvania Economy League and come up with a plan to keep the City from becoming "distressed". This plan does not allow for providing anything but the basic response packages to our residents. The monies provided by the Federal Government will give your constituents in Altoona and the surrounding Communities the same protection from disaster and terrorism as those larger municipalities that historically receive the most Federal monies. The acquisition of this essential equipment will not be possible without assistance from the Federal Government leaving a gap in the response abilities of a regional resource for responding to a large incident.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): This project will not directly create any new jobs or economic development. However, it will greatly increase the effectiveness of the HMRT and make the region a safer more prepared place to live. It can also make the region more inviting to new business as their employees and property will be more secure.

General Information

Project name: Altoona Indoor Sports Complex

Amount of funding requested: \$7-\$12 Million

Entity to receive funding: Central Blair County Recreation and Park Commission

Street address of entity to receive funding: 2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): Park Avenue and Frankstown Road

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The project would include the development of an indoor sports complex enclosed in a steel building, and parking lot for the sports enthusiasts of Blair County. This large indoor sports arena will be especially useful in the fall and winter months when restless youth have nowhere locally to continue team sports that require large playing surfaces. Located next to the Blair County ballpark and just off I99 make it a county landmark and an enticement to those families that may consider a move to Blair County. The teams of Blair County continue to travel in the winter months to outlying cities like Pittsburgh and Williamsport to participate in indoor soccer, baseball and softball tournaments when this revenue could remain in Blair County. Tournaments in these sports could bring extra income to the region with the influx of outlying teams. Other communities have been able to make a facility of this magnitude a combined soccer, baseball, softball and golf haven to ward off the winter doldrums. Other communities have gotten incredible use of this type of facility and even hold "Up All Night" tournaments at a reduced rate after 11:00 PM for sleepless youth.

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount): NO

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): Without the help of federal funds this project will be very difficult to develop. The federal money will give this project a chance to succeed. If this project can move forward with federal support it will show this community we are trying to develop quality recreational facilities for our citizens. The support of the federal government for a project that will provide many quality recreational opportunities to the community would be vital for the overall success of this project.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): The anticipated benefit of this project is to provide a safe structured indoor recreational facility for the citizens of Blair County. The development of an indoor sports complex in this community will impact citizens of all ages. There are currently no indoor sports complexes in Blair County that offer the opportunity for quality indoor soccer, softball, baseball, golf, as well as, many other recreational opportunities. The development of a sports complex will provide an opportunity to host many different sports tournaments in our

community which will bring revenue to Blair County from across the state of Pennsylvania. Major economic benefits to the area will include the need for accommodations, restaurants, and retail business. The addition of this facility will also provide an opportunity for employment to staff the facility for programming.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):
The Altoona Sports Complex project is one that will not only benefit the citizens of Blair County, but all the communities that surrounds it. The sports complex will be utilized by the citizens of Blair County and surrounding counties across the state. The use of federal funds for this project would greatly enhance the development of this project. The support of the federal government would also encourage the support of our local municipalities, organizations, and private donors to step forward and become involved in this project. The funding will be used to support a public project to develop a public sports complex that would be utilized by a variety of sports organizations. All federal funds that would be secured for this project would be utilized for the development and construction of this facility for public use. The facility would be open to the general public for their recreational use.

General Information

Project name: Altoona Parking Garage Reconstruction Project

Amount of funding requested: \$1 million

Entity to receive funds: Altoona Parking Authority

Street address of entity to receive funding:

1225 11th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

Location of the project: 1225 11th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

- County: Blair County
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

In 2003, the Altoona Parking Authority undertook a Level III Conditional Appraisal Report for the Altoona Transportation Center Garage. To summarize the findings, the garage was determined to be in general poor condition and in need of significant and extensive repairs. The Transportation Center serves as an intermodal transportation center providing access to buses and trains. The center/garage complex was built in 1972 (renovated in 1984) with cast-in-place concrete construction. Due to age of the original structure, 37 years, and although the post-tension system is generally in good condition, the mild steel in the slabs has corroded and deteriorated the concrete due to the use of the structure as well as penetration of water and de-icing salts. As a result of the finding of the Level III report, the Altoona Parking Authority initiated an aggressive repair and maintenance program to address the finding of the report. In 2004-05, the Authority secured a \$750,000 Infrastructure Development Grant from the Commonwealth of PA to initiate phase I of a multi-phase program to address and arrest further deterioration and maintain the service life for this needed downtown garage/transportation center. Through the efforts of Congressman Bill Shuster, federal SAFETEA-LU funding was secured through the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$1 million. An additional \$300,000 was also secured through SAFETEA-LU. The Altoona Parking Authority will provide an additional \$200,000 and in the spring of 2009, a \$1.5 million restoration project will commence and be completed by the fall of 2009. Based upon the finding of the engineering report, there will remain an additional \$1.2 to \$1.5 million in additional repairs to complete the full reconstruction resulting in maintaining the life of the garage for another 15-20 years.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Altoona Parking Authority's annual budget for FY 2009 is \$263,998. The majority of that budget is earmarked to cover existing debt service, payroll and benefits (\$176,000) leaving less than \$100,000 annually to cover the cost of operations and maintenance of the entire parking system. The parking garage is an integral part of the multi-modal transportation center that services both AMTRAK and Greyhound bus line as well as the local cab service. It also houses small businesses that service the need of visitors and travelers. The 300+ car garage is the largest public parking facility serving the parking needs of the downtown and efforts to encourage new development in downtown Altoona, as in any third class city in the country, is dependent on providing an adequate number of parking spaces in critical locations throughout the central business district area. **Without the federal support to allow the parking garage reconstruction to occur, there is a definite possibility that either portions of the garage would have to be closed or the entire structure would have to close eliminating needed parking spaces from the overall system as well as protecting the structural integrity of the transportation center.** Neither the City of Altoona nor the Altoona Parking Authority has the financial wherewithal to complete this next phase without federal support.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

All downtown revitalization efforts are contingent upon the provision of adequate and well maintain public parking systems. The City of Altoona has embarked on an aggressively downtown revitalization effort for years with somewhat limited successes. However, recently two major economic engines have begun to emerge that are beginning to transform the downtown area. The two economic engines include the Pennsylvania State University Altoona Campus and the Altoona Regional Health Systems. Recently both entities have made significant investments in the downtown by creating new "campuses" in the downtown area with the acquisition and redevelopment of the former Station Mall into Station Medical Center by the Regional Health System and the redevelopment of a series of buildings along the 12th Avenue Corridor by Penn State Altoona, in cooperation with the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation, creating a Penn State Downtown Campus. Well over 200 jobs now call downtown Altoona there place of work and investment in developing these new "campuses" have exceeded \$20 million with more investment planned in the near future. Additional medical related investment directly next to the downtown transportation center/garage complex is planned for 2009 and in fact the site (former Kaufman's building) was selected by the investor/developer due to its proximity to public parking for patients and employees. The critical element necessary to be addressed to continue to see the economic development being stimulated by the hospital and university is the provision of adequate and critically located public parking. **The transportation center/garage reconstruction project must be completed.**

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Downtown parking is as critical to a downtown's infrastructure as water and sewer lines or access roads are to an industrial or business park development project. The federal government, through

various federal programs such as those supported by EDA or ARC, has traditionally been utilized in the development of business and industrial parks and sites throughout the country. No successful downtown revitalization effort has ignored the issue of providing adequate public parking and for the most part, parking is one of the most critical elements in the overall plan. Fortunately today, the Altoona Parking Authority is positioned to provide the required number of parking spaces for the most part but without full utilization of the only public parking garage serving the downtown, the system will be depleted of a valuable and necessary resource. When viewed as critical infrastructure, there is definitely a role of the federal government to support the maintenance of that infrastructure.

General Information

Project name: **Altoona Recreational Facility**

Amount of funding requested: **\$200,000.00**

Entity to receive funding: **Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **2101 Fifth Avenue
Altoona, Pa 16602**

Location of the project:

- County: **Blair**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

**Located near Frankstown Road and Park Avenue Intersection
Altoona, Pa 16602**

Tax Map Parcel # 14-15, approximately 1.5 acres

**Transportation Right of Way bounded by SR's 1021, 1009, I-99, and property owned by
the County of Blair.**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Altoona Recreational Facility is a necessary public project designed to meet the needs and interests of many. This outdoor family based facility will consist of a cement skateboard park, playground, walking/jogging track, lights, three pavilions, and restrooms.

The main focus of the facility will be an approximately 28,000 sq/ft skateboard park. Designed to be used by skateboarders, bicyclists, and in-line skaters of all ages and ability levels, the park will contain a variety of obstacles that emulate the natural terrain such as bowls, ledges, stairs, banks, and handrails.

A state of the art playground will provide young children with obstacles to maintain activity and aid in physical and social development.

Keeping with the family theme, an 800 ft. walking/ jogging track will surround the perimeter of the facility. It will provide participants with a safe location to remain healthy.

Three pavilions and restrooms will provide services to make this facility complete. Pavilions outfitted with outdoor barbeque equipment will allow the area to be used for picnics as well as protection from the elements.

The wide range of activities offered by the Altoona Recreational Facility will meet the needs of many individuals and allow families to participate in their interests together.

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount):

No

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Federal support is essential to the start and completion of the Altoona Recreational Facility. Without the assistance of the Federal Government, the plan to provide the city of Altoona and its surrounding areas with free, appropriate activities will not be possible. The city of Altoona has a median household income of approximately \$28,000 with a large number of households at or below the poverty level, which makes it difficult for individual families to support activities.

A major drug problem has put great stress on the available funds of the local government and its businesses. The Pennsylvania Youth Survey found that Blair County students reported higher average levels of alcohol (45.6%), cigarettes (22.3%), and smokeless tobacco (14.7%) use when compared to national counterparts (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 2007). This shows an overwhelming need for an innovative approach for a safe and supportive environment for youth and family recreation within this community.

Without appropriate alternatives such as the Altoona Recreation Facility for youth, families, and the community, the city's downward spiral will continue. Federal support is drastically needed to provide a positive outlet for members of the community as a step towards returning Altoona to a prestigious place to live.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The city of Altoona and the surrounding area is in need of revitalization. Although the Altoona Recreation Facility may not create new jobs directly, demand for products purchased at several locally owned businesses will increase. Not only will revenue increase of existing local businesses but new businesses focusing on related desirable merchandise will be attracted. A facility of this magnitude will bring a steady flow of visitors to the area increasing tourism revenues, which will have a positive impact on Altoona's economic development.

The main focus of this project is on the families, specifically the youth, of the community. Altoona is currently facing a serious drug problem, a high rate of obesity and a steady drop in population (Altoona Mirror, 2009; U.S. Census Bureau, 2007). Research has shown that physical activity is a key factor of children's weight as well as a determinant of overall health (American Heart Association, 2009). Statistics also show that active community members are more likely to attend school, score good grades in math and science, have healthy self-esteem, and remain drug free (SAMHSA, 2009).

This facility will contribute to the development of pride for the community and will encourage people to remain in the area. Having a facility that improves the local economy and provides healthy, appropriate alternatives in which families can participate will have a positive effect on the community.

This facility sends the message that Altoona is a progressive city with an eye on the future; a place that cares about its members and is a great area to raise a family or start a business.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

According to American Sports Data, skateboarding is ranked the third largest sport for youth aged 8-18 and over 12 million teenagers participate in this sport nationwide (2008). The Altoona Recreation Facility has an excellent opportunity to provide a safe environment to foster physical activity and social interaction of youth as well as the entire community.

Research has shown that outdoor recreation facilitates goal-setting, increases persistence in face of barriers and improves recovery from setbacks (Kimbrough, 2007). Outdoor activities contribute to a gain in mobility and fitness leading to an increase in overall health and well-being (Neill, 2007). This type of recreation will provide an opportunity for youth to be challenged and experience success which will improve self-efficacy and self-esteem leading to healthy development.

The Altoona Recreational Facility Project is designed to assist in the preservation of the city of Altoona and Blair County with the common community goal of reducing crime, violence, drugs, and poverty in the area causing people to stay, businesses to open, and discouraging more crime from moving into the area.

We have made great strides to improve our community, but realize we still have a large mountain to climb. A climb that is not possible without the assistance of the federal government and the use of our tax dollars. By focusing on prevention planning and taking proactive steps, along with hard work and persistence, positive changes will be made in the community through the Altoona Recreational Facility.

General Information

Project name: Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation FLEX Building Construction Project

Amount of funding requested: \$3.5 million - construction

Entity to receive funding: Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.)

Street address of entity to receive funding: 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project: City of Altoona

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

There are currently two locations being considered by the ABCD Corp. at this particular point in time. The first would involve the development of the FLEX building next to the Corporation's current headquarters/multi tenant building, the Devorris Center for Business Development, in the South Altoona Business Park, 4000 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, Pa 16602. The second location under consideration would be in the City of Altoona's Central Business District along 12th Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets. The second site would encompass an existing surface parking facility that is currently owned by the Altoona Parking Authority and that is available for redevelopment purposes.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The ABCD Corp. is proposing to construct a multi-tenant FLEX building on property currently owned by the Corporation within the South Altoona Business Park or on publically controlled property in the City of Altoona's Central Business District (CBD). The proposed business center would provide class I office and commercial space and compliment both the recent construction of the Devorris Center for Business Development currently located in the South Altoona Business Park and if constructed in the City's CBD, it would compliment recent developments by the Penn State Altoona in creating a downtown campus in the center city. The building will incorporate the "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles in its design and construction. It is anticipated that the 30,000 square foot building could be constructed at a cost of \$7.0 million. The construction request of \$3.5 million would be utilized to support this initiative. If the South Altoona Business Park location is selected, this project will support the Corporation efforts to redevelop a former railroad "brownfield" site in the City and if the decision is to locate the facility in the City's downtown, the project would support ongoing efforts to revitalize the city's urban core area and potentially increase the University's presence in the emerging downtown campus.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

ABCD Corporation has been in the for front of efforts to redevelop "brownfield" locations and our urban core communities for a number of years and can demonstrate a very successful track record as exemplified by projects such as the Devorris Center for Business Development and the overall redevelopment of the former South Altoona Yards of the PRR, the recent acquisition and redevelopment of the former Sam Rea Shops (Hollidaysburg Car shops), the re-opening of the American Eagle Paper Mill and most recently the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized buildings in downtown Altoona for use by Penn State Altoona as they continue to expand their downtown campus. However, none of these projects would be made possible without the partnerships and cooperation that was receive by federal agencies including the US Department of Commerce, EDA and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as well as the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Administration. These agencies along with state agencies within the Commonwealth of PA, allowed ABCD Corp. to leverage both local funds and bank financing to complete each of the above mentioned transactions. The federal investments in each of these served as the "seed" funding necessary to make each projects financially viable.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The ability to provide FLEX space within the Altoona/Blair County market will support the Corporation's efforts to create an environment conducive to job creation. The Devorris Center, constructed in 2002, is now home to 9 business start-ups and or expanding companies with employment collectively in excess of 100. The lease-up of this 30,000 square feet was less than 24 months for the Center's opening and the ABCD Corp. has continuously been receiving inquiries regarding the availability of the additional space. Regardless of location either in the South Altoona Business Park or downtown it is anticipated that another 100 new jobs will be impacted upon the completion of this project. A second economic impact will also be derived by this project as it will serve the area as a demonstration project for the inclusion of the LEED design and construction principles and the ultimate benefits associated with "smart" and "green" construction.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The desire to see both brownfield sites and our urban core areas redeveloped has been a priority for federal investment for decades. The intent of this project, to construct a LEED certified FLEX commercial/mixed use building either on an exiting brownfield site, the South Altoona Business Park or in downtown Altoona as part of the overall revitalization efforts currently underway, seems to be extremely consistent with federal investment policies of this administration and this Congress. The ability of ABCD Corporation to develop such a facility utilizing the green principles and keeping the lease rates attractive and affordable to support either the brownfield site development or downtown redevelopment is a must in order to guarantee the projects success will be contingent upon an injection of non-debt revenues. To financed the construction of this project without the utilization of "public"

involvement would mean the Corporation would have to be charging rental rates of close to \$18.00-\$20.00/square foot while, with the injection of the federal participation of \$3.5 million, rental can be established which would more closely reflect the rental rates for commercial property in the Altoona/Blair County market of \$10 per square foot. Without the infusion of the federal request, the project is deemed NOT FEASIBLE IN THIS MARKET.

Non-federal matching funds (include source, amount, and date received)

- Project sponsor match: \$1 million
- State of local government match: \$2.5 million
- Private donations or foundation match:

General Information

Project name: Booker T. Washington Community Revitalization Project

Amount of funding requested: \$350,000

Entity to receive funding: Central Blair County Recreation and Park Commission

Street address of entity to receive funding: 2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): 19th Street and 13th Avenue

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The Blair County NAACP along with numerous other concerned citizens of Blair County has initiated a project called the Booker T. Washington Community Revitalization Project. The project centers around the area of 19th Street and 13th Avenue, in the heart of Altoona. It is anticipated that the project will move forward in three phases.

Phase 1: The rehabilitation of an outdoor basketball court, located at 1827-31 13th Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania including paving, lining, new benches, and new landscaping is currently underway.

Phase 2 and 3: Two City lots have been purchased from the Altoona Redevelopment Authority across the street from the basketball court (1901-03, 13th Avenue). The lots will be excavated and leveled out. A park to include pavilions, benches, barbeque grills, and large play booster units will be installed. There will be two separate levels developed, one for toddlers ages three to six, and a second for children six and older. The sections will include age appropriated play boosters and equipment.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): Without the help of federal funds this project will be very difficult to develop. The federal money will give this project a chance to succeed. If this project can move forward with federal support it will show this community we are trying to develop quality recreational facilities for our citizens.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): The anticipated benefit of this project is to provide a safe structured recreational facility for the residents of fifth ward. The development of a public recreational facility in this community will impact citizens of all ages. There is currently no park in this community for the people to call their own. The area of 19th Street and 13th Avenue, which sits adjacent to downtown Altoona, has historically been a working-class African American neighborhood. The area, which has become run-down in recent history, needs to become the pride of the community. It is believed through the help of the federal government this neighborhood can return our town back to our families, and deter drug dealers and drug users from ruining our city

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): The Booker T. Washington Community Revitalization project is one that will not only benefit a small community neighborhood, but the entire community that surrounds it. This park will be utilized by the citizens in the City of Altoona, as well as, Logan Township. The use of federal funds for this project would greatly enhance the development of this project. The support of the federal government would also encourage local organizations to step forward and become involved in this project. The funding will be used to support a public project to develop a public park within the City of Altoona. All federal funds that would be secured for this project would be utilized for the development and construction of this facility for public use.

General Information

Project name: Centralized Print Shop

Amount of funding requested: \$454,414

Entity to receive funding: Altoona Area School District

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1415 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project:

- **County:** Blair
- **Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):**
1500 Fourth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Altoona Area School District's Centralized Print Shop (Print Shop) will be established at the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. The Print Shop will house state-of-the-art digital production printing equipment, similar to that used in businesses and commercial print shops. The curriculum will cover competencies, learning plans, assessments, activities and industry knowledge. Upon completion of the course, the students will be prepared for and administered the PrintED certification exam. PrintED is a national accreditation and certification program, based on industry standards, for graphic communications courses of study at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

The Print Shop will provide vocational and skills training for 40 Blair County students each year for five years. In addition, the training will also be offered in the evenings to 40 adults per year, many of whom are displaced workers and job seekers. We estimate that over the 5- year life expectancy of the Print Shop equipment, approximately 400 students and adults will be trained and nationally certified to enter the workforce.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Many local industries and manufacturers have closed, unemployment is increasing and all of Blair County is feeling the loss in local revenue. The state of Pennsylvania is experiencing similar trends. As a result, there are no local funds available for this project and state funding opportunities are focusing on other priorities.

Given the size and scope of this project, we are requesting federal support. This support will strengthen our local tax base with highly trained, nationally certified, and employable students/adults.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

We anticipate the Centralized Print Shop (Print Shop) will benefit the taxpayers in several ways.

First, we project that the Print Shop will train and certify 400 students and adults in the use of digital production equipment. The printing industry is growing and is second only to the restaurant industry in the number of establishments in the United States. Not only is this equipment used in commercial print shops, but is also being widely used in businesses and school districts. Through this project, our students/adults will be well-qualified and nationally certified in this technology and equipment, resulting in increased employment opportunities. In Blair County alone, there are approximately 30 print-for-pay or commercial printers and the number doubles when including the surrounding counties.

Second, the Print Shop will save taxpayer funds. The Altoona Area School District and the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center will email printing jobs from 14 buildings across the district to the Print Shop. As a result, we expect to reduce the number and size of copiers in each of the 14 buildings by 50%. With the Print Shop, we can also produce booklets, which were previously outsourced. We estimate the combined savings will be over \$40,000 per year.

Lastly, using local government matching funds, the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center will employ instructors for the classes.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Federal funds will be invested in the Centralized Print Shop project, thereby training and nationally certifying 400 students and adults in Blair County for a career in a growing industry. Factor in the savings to taxpayers of \$40,000 per year over the next five years and the cost of training each student is reduced by \$500 per student.

Local government matching support will be provided as much as possible and will include funding Print Shop teaching staff salaries, benefits, classroom space, wiring and utilities.

General Information

Project name: City of Altoona Bicycle Route Network

Amount of funding requested: \$627,000

Entity to receive funding: City of Altoona

Street address of entity to receive funding: Altoona City Hall
1301 12th Street
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Bicycling is usually popular in the City of Altoona, both for commuting and recreational purposes. The International Tour de Toona – the largest pro-am cycling event in North America – is based here, as is the Blair Bicycle Club and hundreds of cycling enthusiasts descended from the Pennsylvania Railroad workers who used to cycle to work.

However, the City of Altoona does not contain a single official bicycle route. The City began to correct this earlier this year by applying for \$300,000 through PennDOT to construct a route from Penn State University's Altoona Campus to its downtown facilities (the blue route on the map).

This request for \$627,000 is to complete the bicycle route network begun there. The City would designate and construct bike routes (shown in red on the attached map) through the City's existing street network – far more cost-effective than constructing separate bike lanes or shared use paths. These routes would use streets with relatively low automobile traffic and low grades to connect Penn State Altoona and Downtown to destinations such as Valley View Park, Geesey Park, Altoona Area High School/Junior High School, the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, Garfield Park, Mansion Park, Highland Park, and the Logan Valley Mall.

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount):

No.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The proposed City of Altoona Bicycle Route Network would benefit both commuters and recreational cyclists, as it links together both the City's major employers and its largest recreational assets. It would help those who wish to tour Altoona's railroad heritage on bicycle find their way around town via signage. Despite its many benefits, however, no local sources have sufficient funds to pay for its construction.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

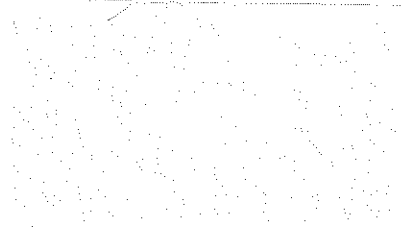
We estimate that constructing the Bicycle Route Network would require the labor of ten men over at least six months. Beyond construction jobs, however, the proposed network would have the following benefits.

- The network would enable and promote a health conscious and energy efficient means of commuting within the City, a community with enough actual density to make bicycle commuting viable. To the extent that the network is used, it would make the City less dependant on fossil fuels. Note that most of the City's largest employers lie on or very near the proposed network, including Penn State Altoona (both campuses), the Altoona Hospital (both campuses), the Altoona Area High School and Junior High School, several other Altoona Area School District facilities, the Logan Valley Mall, the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation's Devorris Business Development Center and South Altoona Business Park, many retail establishments, as well as Altoona City Hall.
- The network would enable and promote a healthy recreational activity within the City without requiring residents to transport themselves and their bicycles via automobile to distant rails-to-trails networks or other shared use paths. This, again, could make the City less dependant on fossil fuels.
- The network would encourage the concentration of bicycle traffic on safer streets, away from locations with a higher potential of conflicts with automobiles and steeper grades. This could prevent injuries, property value losses, or worse.
- The network could help tourists see Altoona's railroad heritage by bicycle, if they choose.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The proposed City of Altoona Bicycle Route Network would benefit both commuters and recreational cyclists, as it links together both the City's major employers and its largest

recreational assets. It would help those who wish to tour Altoona's railroad heritage on bicycle find their way around town via signage. Despite its many benefits, however, no local sources have sufficient funds to pay for its construction.



General Information

Project name: City of Altoona Wireless Video Surveillance System

Amount of funding requested: \$500,000

Entity to receive funding: City of Altoona, PA

Street address of entity to receive funding:
1301 12th St. Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The City of Altoona is currently planning the installation of Wireless Mesh network for the use of it's Public Safety Departments. The City wants to augment this network by installing up to 75 Wireless Cameras strategically throughout the City. These cameras would be able to be remotely controlled either from Police Headquarters or by first responders in the field. Due to Norfolk Southern's main line passing directly through the heart of the city, there are dozens of rail cars carrying toxic substances every day. The installation of cameras would help the city monitor this traffic and provide assistance to our first responders. The camera system would also serve as a crime deterrent throughout the city.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): The City through Capital Borrowing will be able to fund the installation of the Wireless Mesh Network, unfortunately there are not enough funds to implement the wireless video portion of this project. The city believes that the installation of the video network would contribute significantly to the safety and security of it's citizens as well as provide the capability to monitor Norfolk Southern's main line.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): By implementing this project the City of Altoona will contribute significantly to the safety and security of it's citizens by helping to reduce crime and drug traffic. This should serve as an incentive to draw new business and retain existing business in the city.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): The City of Altoona believes that funding for this project will help combat the War on Drugs as well as protect the citizens and Norfolk Southern by being able to monitor the main line that dissects the city.

Project Name

Community Development and Restoration of Lower Fairview, Altoona, PA

Amount Requested

\$100,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

The Nehemiah Project
800 Valley View Boulevard
Altoona, PA 16602

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for the acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of buildings in the Lower Fairview neighborhood in Altoona, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on blight elimination and reconstruction efforts to improve the quality of life for residents living in the Lower Fairview area and to spur economic development.

Project Name

DGINet Battlefield Infrastructure Refresh

Amount Requested

\$3.5 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

Northrop Grumman - Intelligence Group
15036 Conference Center Drive
Chantilly, VA 20151

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP). The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is the leading joint intelligence community for the Department of Defense. The DIA houses fourteen core analytical offices that support the different all-source analysis mission for the DoD. The key to enabling all of these core components is to enable an Enterprise Service Oriented Geospatial Information System Architecture that provides direct connections to key data, mapping services, horizontally fused networks (JWICS, SIPRNet), and advanced analytical web services to support these programs and offices. Geospatially enabling Battlefield Visualization data and data access underpins many critical Intelligence and analytical initiatives in order to fulfill the many different missions of this community. These requirements have been identified as a critical path to success and a core capability for the DIA. The Distributed Geospatial Intelligence Network (DGINet) program has been developed to accomplish the following:

- Geospatially enabling our all source analysis is a critical path to success and a core capability for DIA.
- Geospatially enabling our intelligence serves many purposes.

The DGINet program was originally fielded to many within the intelligence community in 1999 and now has grown to include 33 nodes deployed across the world in support of the Intelligence Community. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this technology refresh takes advantage of new technology that will allow the DGINet Battlefield Visualization program to further expand its reach to support intelligence analysts world-wide in its missions. As a result, an Intelligence Watch Officer will have the data, product software and hardware to generate their time critical analysis products in support of the Global War on Terrorism and other operational support. The refresh will include the addition of GIS Server, Web Server, Data Server and complementary hardware platforms.

General Information

Project name: **Digital Mammography Equipment**

Amount of funding requested: **\$900,000.00**

Entity to receive funding: **Altoona Regional Health System**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **620 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601**

Location of the project:

- County: **Blair County**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): **n/a**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Altoona Regional Health System purchase equipment in preparation of developing a breast imaging center. To ensure improved accessibility to state of the art imaging equipment for the region, Altoona Regional proposes purchasing 3 digital mammography screening units and one radiology workstation. Digital mammography offers many benefits including enhancements in early detection and cost containment. An imaging center at Altoona Regional offers constituents accessibility nearer to home, eliminating inconveniences such as travel, vehicle wear and tear and lost work time. Presently, outward migration to obtain this standard of care also negatively impacts revenues at Altoona Regional. Digital Mammography/Breast Imaging Center is one project focus of a comprehensive consolidation effort being undertaken by Altoona Regional Health System. Our initial phase of the multi-year consolidation will require the purchase of 3 digital mammography screening units and one radiology work station in preparation of developing a breast imaging center. To ensure improved accessibility to state of the art breast imaging, for constituents in Blair and surrounding counties, this equipment will replace traditional film-based mammography which is rapidly becoming obsolete.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Altoona Regional Medical Center must expand and improve its services to remain a viable health care resource for the people of Central Pennsylvania. The hospital's plan includes building a new outpatient imaging center offering digital mammography. Funding is critical for this capital expansion and the current credit and bond markets (traditional sources for hospital expansion/improvements) are unavailable. The only major sources of funding, therefore, will be the hospital's limited capital budget and private fundraising. Federal support is needed not for any construction, but to help provide the new technology and equipment that will make the hospital's expansion worthy of the effort.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The project's economic benefit is reduced health care costs and improved quality of life for Central Pennsylvania women. Each year, thousands of women are screened and approximately 100 are diagnosed with cancer. Early detection brings greatest likelihood for positive health outcomes and reducing the costs of treating the cancer. Researchers found that digital mammography is significantly better for early detection of breast cancer as it affords the opportunity to better store and view images for comparison of potential changes which might occur from year to year. Furthermore, digital mammography allows for sharing electronically stored images among health care providers.

Recent declines in death rates from breast cancer are believed to be the result of early detection, i.e., mammography. This project is very important to Pennsylvania because it provides better access to leading-edge cancer detection technology. It is critical that this type of health care technology be readily available if economic development is to take place. Health care services are a key element in decision-making regarding relocation to an area.

Also, this project keeps employment local and within the Commonwealth. Altoona Regional's nearly 2,600 employees pay significant personal income tax, as well as other related taxes that make other amenities and services possible. According to Altoona Regional's Community Benefit report for FY 2007, the health care system provided community benefit, or free goods and services provided by our 'non-profit' health care system, exceeding \$29 million in value within this region.

This federal funding will create two (2) new jobs.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

- 1) Digital mammography is the strongest new ally in the fight against breast cancer. The digital images are clearer than plain film images, appear in seconds, and provider faster results that result in a better diagnosis.**
- 2) Early detection of breast cancer is critical. If detected before it spreads, early treatment assures a 96% survival rate five years later. Digital mammography is a necessary tool that leads to earlier detection and treatment.**
- 3) This project keeps services local and (payroll) tax revenues flowing. In today's economy, that is critical to keeping our government and economy in motion.**

General Information

Project name: I-99 Corridor Business Park Development Project

Amount of funding requested: \$2 million

Entity to receive funding: Altoona -Blair County Development Corporation

Street address of entity to receive funding: 3900 Industrial Park Drive
Altoona, Pa 16602

Location of the project: Selected Site to be determined along the I-99 Corridor

County: Blair County

- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

To be determined.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

In 2000, the Board of Directors of the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD) made a very important decision that would impact the organization for the next few years. As part of the Corporation's Organizational Plan a decision was made to invest in the development of a series of business parks strategically located along the emerging I-99 corridor. As a result of that decision, a series business parks were developed to support the business retention, expansion and attraction efforts of the ABCD. Today, in addition to the William W. Ward Park and the Ardie J. Dillen Industrial Parks that we constructed in the 1970-80's, the Corporation owns and manages the Robert C. Jubelirer Business Park and the I-99 Enterprise Campus in northern Blair County, the South Altoona Business Park in the City of Altoona and the Walter Business Park in southern Blair County. In addition, in 2006, the ABCD acquired the former Hollidaysburg Car Shop property and are in the process of redeveloping that property for light industrial uses. Within the existing 6 business parks there remains only 18 acres that have not already been sold most of which is associated with the I-99 Enterprise Campus. It would be the intent of this request to identify, acquire and develop a new business park along the now completed I-99 Corridor, again to support the corporation's efforts to retain, expand and attract new businesses to the I-99 Innovation Corridor. ABCD has contracted with a local engineering firm that is currently looking at and evaluating properties that could be developed for future commercial and industrial purposes.

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount): NO

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

In order to keep an inventory of available sites for future economic development purposes, the ABCD recognizes the organizations responsibility to provide the necessary financial resources to undertake this initiative and intent to provide at a minimum 50% of the cost associated with the development of a new business park. But the Corporation also recognizes the reality of the market and the competitive nature of the economic development business as communities compete against communities, counties against counties, regions against regions and states against states for opportunities to attract new investment that result in the formation of capital and job creation. Although ABCD Corporation is on the fore front of supporting and promoting "regional economic development alliances" along the I-99 Corridor with our neighboring counties, Blair County must be positioned to compete. Our ability to develop a 75 acre site for \$4 million would mean that the price per acre, assuming all land is developable, would be in excess of \$50,000/acre. The extreme high end for industrial or "business park" land in the Blair County market is \$40,000 and for most part the market would dictate a lesser sale price. There is a need to partially subsidize the development of sites to keep the pricing per acre competitive. This model has held true to date, as each of the previously developed parks did receive federal subsidies as they were developed. The Central PA. market is different that the more urbanized counties to the east and in some cases even western PA.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Our most recent investment in developing a business park can best be described as highly successful in that the Walter Business Park, dedicated in 2006 is now home to both the 1st Sheetz Distribution Center and the recently opened (2008) Sheetz Brothers Kitchen, investments totaling over \$56 million. Combined employment at the park is in excess of 600 with more jobs anticipated at the facilities. The Walter Business Park represented an investment in the development of 100 acres (less than 100 when you deduct wetlands and floodplains) and represents the type of development and successes associated with ever park that has been developed to date by ABCD. Other tenants in the other 5 parks include companies such as New Pig Corporation, ORX, Balfurds, Smith Transport, Blair Companies, Fay-Penn Express, Digital Solutions Inc., Shirley Cookies, Lytle's Transfer, Babcock Lumber, Dixon Electric, Printegra, Iron City Uniform, and most recently Light Tool and Machine.

At a minimum, a new 75 acre industrial park will generate on average investment of \$15 -\$20 million and provide sufficient acreage for the creation of 200-300 new jobs. Again these averages are based upon the experiences of ABCD in the development and management of our business parks along the I-99 corridor.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The use of federal funding for the development of a new business park along the I-99 Innovation Corridor is consistent with federal policies supporting the development of infrastructure investments that will result in the creation and retention of employment opportunities. Areas, such as Blair County and the I-99 Innovation Corridor, must be positioned to respond to the needs of the business community, both the existing business community that may need resources to support growth and expansion but also the business community that are looking for competitive communities in which to locate a facility. Having an inventory of sites and buildings is a critical element in an economic development strategy, hence the decision of the Board of Directors in 2000 to invest in business park development.

Project Name

I-99 Entrepreneurial Institute

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation
3900 Industrial Park Drive
Altoona, PA 16602

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The I-99 Entrepreneurial Institute is a partnership program between Pennsylvania State University - Altoona and the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation. The Institute serves as a formal bridge linking entrepreneurial learning and academic research with real-world business applications and experiences. Funding for this project would enhance programs and opportunities already in place to foster economic development and support start-ups and the expansion of small businesses. This project is one piece of a comprehensive effort to promote economic development in the I-99 corridor. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because supporting job creation and entrepreneurial development are critically important in our current economy. Federal funding that is utilized to directly impact job creation and to support entrepreneurship and small businesses yields a sustainable and justified investment for communities and our country.

Project Name

Juniata Hybrid Locomotive

Amount Requested

\$1,500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University
117 Old Main
University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used to assess and develop technological alternatives to diesel locomotives and to develop a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly locomotive for yard, local, and main line applications. Associated with this research effort is the development of the energy management and control technologies required to maximize the energy efficiency of hybrid locomotives. Converting the existing fleet to new technologies would reduce both emissions and our dependence on foreign oil.

This project is a valuable use to taxpayer funds because it fits the Department of Energy's mission with a focus on developing more energy efficient and environmentally friendly transportation technology that will enable America to use less petroleum and reduce impacts on the environment. Protecting the environment and ensuring our national security through reduced dependence on foreign oil are critical issues facing the federal government.

General Information

Project name: Lakemont Sewer District Rehabilitation Project Phase II

Amount of funding requested: \$500,000

Entity to receive funding: Logan Township

Street address of entity to receive funding: 800 39th Street Altoona, PA 16602-1799

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
Various streets located in the Southeastern portion of Logan Township known as the Village of Lakemont

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Logan Township's Lakemont Sewer District is located at the Southeastern end of the township. Built in the late 1950's the district has the oldest lines in the township.

Lines in the district are failing because of age, and the fact that, at that time, clay pipe was the material of choice. With the many joints and low tinsel strength, the cause of major cracking, that are associated with clay pipe have allowed for root penetration, thus setting up perfect conditions for clogging. The joint separation and cracks have also allowed for a massive amount of I&I (inflow & infiltration) or ground water to enter the sanitary sewer lines.

Due to a Corrective Action Plan that has been approved by the DEP, the Township is mandated to address the I&I problems in the area. Logan Township has gone to great lengths in trying to remove the extraneous groundwater, but has met with little success. Because of the construction methods previously used, the Township is left with the only method to properly address the areas problems, that being total replacement of the mains and laterals in the Phase II area.

The Township, with DEP's approval has decided to address the areas problems in a 4 phased approach. With Phase I complete it is now time to implement Phase II, with a construction date of 2010. This Phase includes the replacement of 3,500 lineal feet of sewers in what is known as the Park Inn collection area. Estimated cost for Phase II is just over 1.4 million dollars.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

As is the case with many small communities across the nation costs for infrastructure replacement is at record highs. Logan Township will not be able to implement the needed improvements without the aid of the state and federal government. User rates are already subject to significant increases due to rising costs of fuel, utilities, retention of employees, sewage treatment mandates, and the costs that we all face just to maintain our current operating levels. Spending decisions are made with great care in maintaining services at their current levels and where possible, look ahead to address future needs.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The project will benefit not only Logan Township, but Allegheny Township and the Borough of Hollidaysburg as well. Sewage from both Logan and Allegheny Township enter what is known as the Brush Run Interceptor where it is conveyed to the Hollidaysburg Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Excessive amounts of groundwater entering the system only serves to overburden the collection system. In turn, this limits capacity which could otherwise be used for all forms of economic development, whether it be for manufacturing, commercial development, or simply for housing. I'm sure everyone is aware, that one of the most limiting factors in sustaining and promoting economic development is an areas infrastructure, that being for the purposes of this discussion, water and wastewater services. Saving line and treatment facility capacity for their respective purposes will allow for commercial development, thus promote job creation.

Lines that are at, and in some cases over capacity, would have detrimental affects on Logan and Allegheny Township. Not only would economic development severely slow or stop altogether, but the homes and businesses in the area would experience backups, which would certainly be a cause of numerous health related issues.

Overburdened lines would also create numerous problems for the Hollidaysburg Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. Not only would there be capacity issues with the treatment plant, but the excessive costs, such as manpower, electrical, chemical, and disposal of treating water that doesn't need treatment, would be both excessive and more importantly, needless.

Justification For Use of Taxpayer Dollars

Keeping up with treatment and maintenance requirements is more difficult than ever and is due in large part to federal mandates. Federal agency regulations contribute to the need for assistance.

We all understand the need to do everything we possibly can to be good stewards of our environment. However, rules and regulations imposed by federal agencies have become increasingly more stringent, which in turn adds greatly to the cost of conveyance and treatment of our waste streams.

The increased costs associated with permitting have increased due to the associated studies that are required by various governmental agencies. The increasing need for professional input from historians, archeologists, and engineers to ensure compliance with just about any endeavor a municipality engages in, adds tremendously to project costs

Because of mandated legal and financial requirements, the input from attorneys and financial coordinators add even more to a projects cost. The days of promissory notes and handshake deals are long since past. Like anything else the costs of these professional services have to be paid for.

Costs associated with construction are growing at a staggering rate. In large part the reasons these costs are escalating so rapidly is because of, federally mandated rules and regulations governing wage rates. The Davis/Bacon wage rates, for example, have caused labor rates to soar. Often times the mandated wage rates that must be paid are artificially high and do not project the true labor values for a given area. Add to this the environmental and legal requirements that are placed on the contractor and it is easy to see why construction costs are soaring.

General Information

Project name: Making Space for All Ages

Amount of funding requested: \$500,000

Entity to receive funding: Altoona Area Public Library

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1600 Fifth Ave., Altoona, PA 16602-3693

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): Eighty-three years ago the Pennsylvania Railroad donated the collection of the Mechanic's Library and \$20,000 to the Altoona Area School District with the understanding that a public library would be created and maintained. A "new" building was opened 40 years later on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Seventeenth Street to meet the growing needs of the community for public library service. So much has changed over the last 80 years. Space has become a crippling issue. To properly provide quality Library service to the citizens of the region, we must renovate the existing building. The Library's growth in the past five years has turned to outreach services, not only because there is a need, but also because there is no space to do additional programming within the building. We have an architectural drawing of the recommended changes but due to cost we must prioritize and renovate in increments. Our first priority is to create more programming space to meet the community needs as well as our own internal needs. The requested \$500,000 will allow us to renovate our theater, turning it into two partitioned meeting rooms or one large meeting room for programming and community meetings.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): The Library Board will spearhead a capital campaign. It is our hope to convince our Federal legislators to provide dollars to encourage a match from our State legislators. In order to show those legislators that the community needs a better library, money will need to be raised locally and through grants from foundations and trusts. Local businesses, industries, and interested citizens will be asked to help. A huge donation from one source would be fantastic, but the reality is that the library will probably be looking for hundreds of donations from a myriad of sources. Norfolk Southern is making a significant donation which will be announced soon. In order to balance our budget each year, we must go to our patrons each year to fund raise approximately \$30,000. Our Friend's of the Library generate an additional \$30,000 each year for us to use on general operating costs, particularly children's programming. One of their fund raisers is a book sale staged twice a year here at the library. The additional room created by the renovation would be of enormous help to their activities and possibly generate additional revenue for the Library.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): The renovation will require both skilled and unskilled labor to remove existing barriers and re-configure the room. The project will turn a room which is currently minimally handicapped accessible into a fully accessible meeting room(s). Community organizations will be able to use the room for meetings that are free and open to the public when not being used by library staff for programming. Numerous community organizations currently reserve a room here for programs, but we can not always accommodate them due to scheduling conflicts. More room for programming will allow us to meet more community needs. Early childhood development in a reading environment means children are ready to succeed when they go to school. Toddler Time and Story Hour programs reach children at an early age in a non-threatening environment. After school programming is important as well. With the opening of the new junior high school in our neighborhood we are serving more teens and pre-teens between 2:30 PM and 5:00 PM as parents realize that the Library is a beneficial location for kids to spend the interim. More space for programming will allow us to engage more of these kids in learning and entertaining experiences. We try to make the Library a welcome place for all ages. We offer non-traditional evening story hours for working parents and intergenerational programming for kids and their grandparents. Additional programming space would allow us to do even more with diverse populations in the community.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

In hard times more and more people turn to the public library for entertainment and job hunting. Those unemployed or underemployed who don't have computers or internet access at home turn to the public library to search for jobs. As discretionary money dwindles, people borrow best sellers rather than buy them. Programming at the Library is free and fills in for the entertainment once purchased in better times. Our statistics show a continual climb in use and borrowing numbers. In November of 2008 computer use was up 9.88 % over the same period in 2007. The first half of our fiscal year produced an increase of 5.8% in Internet use and 3.58% in circulation over the same period last year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the library was open 3,243 hours. The Library circulated 249,531 items to 213,579 patrons or about 758 people on a full 11.5 hour library day. We regularly see more traffic than most other businesses, retailers and social service agencies. There is no reason to believe that those numbers will not continue to grow. Local and State governments are strained to the limits. Money is tight everywhere we turn. We run an annual patron fund drive each year but it is for general operations not for renovation. The small trust fund that we have has lost a third of its value due to the stock market plunge. We must appeal to the federal government to help us in this time of great need.

General Information

Project name: Operation Access

Amount of funding requested: \$289,475

Entity to receive funding: Easter Seals Central Pennsylvania

Street address of entity to receive funding: 501 Valley View Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): same as above

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

This project addresses the urgent need to increase accessibility to allow the increase of the capacity to serve individuals with disabilities throughout central Pennsylvania. Specifically, the completion of this project will allow expansion of services to the currently inaccessible basement level at Easter Seals' Altoona facility, upgrades to accessibility on the main floor, and the expansion of the parking lot to allow more clients to be seen for rehabilitation, support and transition to work programming.

The project will be managed by Easter Seals, in conjunction with contractors, architects, elevator installation companies, excavators, paving companies and engineers through a competitive bid process. This project will require third party contracts with all of the above entities and result in job creation for the length of the project and 100% reinvestment in the State of Pennsylvania.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Easter Seals operates an outpatient rehabilitation clinic based on the philosophy that no patient will ever be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Ninety-six percent of our patients qualify for medical assistance. Based on ever-shrinking reimbursement rates for these services, we lose money on every patient we treat. This ratio of costs to reimbursement makes capital projects like the one we are proposing impossible without additional funding sources. We need this support in order to expand our services to everyone in need in our communities.

In addition, we are looking forward to the ability to partner with the James E. VanZandt VA Medical center to provide supportive therapies to service men and women with traumatic brain injury. The expansion of our current programs to include this new line of service depends upon our ability to increase our accessibility to our basement level.

Finally, additional accessible space will allow the expansion of our current autism initiatives and workplace support programs. This will enable us to serve 50% more people with autism in transition from school to work/community. In the end these services will ease the future burden on federal systems by increasing the abilities of these clients to be employed and independent.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This shovel ready project will create work for local contractors and their crews, architects, engineers, maintenance crews, elevator installation teams, pavers, excavators and surveyors. In all, more than 50 local men and women will be able to maintain their positions or contract employment through this project. In addition, we anticipate hiring at least ten additional staff once our program has space to expand through the completion of this project.

Overall, the economic impact locally will be supported through the above-mentioned job creation and influx of capital to the region through this funding.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

This project cannot be completed without the help of federal funding or private donations. While Easter Seals' development efforts remain strong, that money is already tied up in offsetting the basic cost of operating the clinic with so few reimbursement dollars available from medical assistance. This project will be partially underwritten by Easter Seals development efforts and Ronald McDonald House Charities. We are relying on federal funding for the balance of the project and it will not happen without this support.

Project Name

Operation Our Town

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Operation Our Town
5506 6th Avenue Rear
Altoona, PA 16602

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Operation Our Town is a non-profit group focused on coordinating resources in Blair County, Pennsylvania to reduce the threats faced by drugs and related crimes. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the City of Altoona has experienced a substantial increase in drug related incidents in recent years. Funding for the project would be used by Operation Our Town to facilitate partnerships between community and business leaders to fight drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention strategies. The purpose of this project is to facilitate partnerships between community and business leaders to fight drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention strategies.

General Information

Project name: Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program

Amount of funding requested: \$100,000

Entity to receive funding: Beating the Odds Foundation

Street address of entity to receive funding: 312 Sweet Cherry Court Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Location of the project:

- County: Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Juniata, Fayette, Somerset, Westmoreland, Indiana, Cambria, Clearfield, Mifflin, Perry, and Cumberland
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): All school districts in the counties listed above.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program offers teacher-mentors guidance in helping their students, beginning in the fourth grade, to understand what it means to be successful and to achieve success in school and life. 1,700 fourth through sixth grade students and their teachers (approximately 100) have piloted a life-tested formula for success that we refer to as the Stepping Stones to Success.

The Stepping Stones to Success involve the use of goal setting, personal skills and abilities, team support, decision making, and a positive mental attitude to achieve success in school and life. Students learn how to use the Stepping Stones to Success from teacher-mentors and experiencing the life stories of awe inspiring program mentors, from all walks of life, who share their successes over triumphs over seemingly unbeatable odds. Students are able to connect with real life mentors who have achieved success in their lives using the very same Stepping Stones to Success that the students are learning to use in their own lives. The Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program is not a stand alone program; rather it introduces and reinforces concepts that teach kids how to be successful using the school's daily academic classroom curriculum.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): As a non-profit organization, Beating the Odds Foundation seeks funding from various sources, such as corporate sponsorships, private donations, and grants. Federal support would allow this project to expand the Quarterbacks of Life Mentoring Program into additional schools and communities.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): This project will help support three positions, helping to create school to life lesson plans for students. The program through an on-line technology curriculum will allow student outcomes to be measured during their elementary, middle and high school years. The goal is to create student awareness of how to apply their daily academic curriculum to achieving success in school and life.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): U.S. Department of Labor reported individuals who don't complete high school are more likely to be unemployed and need public assistance. Overtime, high school dropouts earn about \$260,000.00 less during their lives than those who complete high school.

Mentors, Inc., Washington, D.C. founded in 1987 states, "Research tells us that mentoring can have a positive impact on the lives of young people, including significant reductions in school absence, better school attitudes and behavior, less drug and alcohol use and less likelihood of committing crimes."

A 2006 study on high school dropouts found that one of the most important improvements high schools can make to decrease drop-out rates is to provide students with adult advocates who offer support and coordinate their needs (National Mentoring Partnerships/Mentors).

General Information

Project name: Replacement of an unsafe outdated non-compliant ladder truck.

Amount of funding requested: \$ 178,600

Entity to receive funding: Excelsior Volunteer Fire Department No1 Bellwood

Street address of entity to receive funding: 399 South 1st ST Bellwood PA 16617

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The 2010 appropriation request for congressional funds from Congressman Bill Shuster will focus on the purchase of a Quint Aerial Fire Apparatus. The ladder truck will replace a 1973 Mack 55' --Tele-Squirt, which is out of compliance with all NFPA standards involving aerial trucks and jeopardizes the safety of the personnel onboard and the effectiveness to save lives.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Excelsior Volunteer Fire Department relies heavily on the community for most of its funding. In fact 83% of our funding is received from donations and fund drives heavily supported by our community. The Department operated on a budget of \$123,304.69 last year. Of last years operating budget \$10,621.40 went to insurance, \$10,854.69 for utilities \$36,061.35 was used to maintain apparatus and firefighting equipment and \$63,672.00 went towards payment of our 2001 Rescue/Engine and the mortgage on our firehouse. Although these two projects have placed a very large burden on the fire department, we have been able to provided higher level of protection to the residents. Our firehouse has become the center of the community throughout the year with town parties, ceremonies and constant community activity. Through the years, our members have managed to pay the bills and keep our department in good standing.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

When considering the cost/benefit of this project it is necessary to consider the critical infrastructure protected by our company. The increase in multi-story structures in both our first due and surrounding area would not be adequately served with our current aerial truck. Additionally, we are committed to providing mutual aid to other departments and service areas. We are well known for providing (the ladder truck) in our community and really need a safer and more reliable ladder truck to fulfill that commitment. Excelsior Volunteer Fire Department has one of only five aerials serving all of Blair County including the City of Altoona.

In are first due response area, we have one of Blair County's largest retail petroleum distribution facilities and dealers in the county. We have three major pipeline company terminals within 10 miles supplying all of Central Pennsylvania's petroleum needs between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. Additionally, a major natural gas transmission pipeline runs directly through our first due area. We also provide primary and secondary service to

over 27,000 residents of Bellwood, Antis Township as well as to the major metroplex of Altoona, PA. See additional information with attached narrative.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

When considering the above, we feel the vehicle's cost to benefit ratio is extremely high for the size of our community and type of infrastructures we must provide protection. Failure to replace our out-dated, non-compliant aerial will hinder the department's budget with excessive maintenance expenditures, which is money that could be better spent for firefighter training and small equipment. In more dire circumstances, the department could be forced to run without an aerial, which would increase response time, increase property loss and loss of life becomes a very real possibility. See additional with attached narrative.

General Information

Project name: Restoration of Altoona's Historic Mishler Theatre

Amount of funding requested: \$50,000

Entity to receive funding: Blair County Arts Foundation

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1212 Twelfth Avenue

Location of the project: 1208 Twelfth Avenue

- County: Blair

- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

✓ Project Description (maximum of 200 words): ATTACHED

Project Description: Installation of Heat on the Mishler Theatre Stage

The Blair County Arts Foundation owns and operates Altoona's Historic Mishler Theatre.

Known for its cultural and architectural significance, this magnificent playhouse has served as the area's performing arts center since 1906 and is currently home to resident dance, vocal, orchestral and theatrical performing arts groups who provide the community with a wide spectrum of year round entertainment

The BCAF operating budget relies on program revenue, grants, donations from the professional and private sectors of the community and corporate sponsorships. As these funds become available, the restoration of the Mishler Theatre continues in phases.

To date, \$1.75 million has invested in the facility, but the remaining needs are many. An estimated \$1.5 million in additional funding must be generated in order to complete all phases of the restoration.

This request for a \$50,000 appropriation is being made so that we may address the critical lack of heat on the stage and, consequently, in the house itself.

We are not only hoping to ensure the comfort of the theatre's performers and patrons, but to also prevent recurring damage to the infrastructure, which previously has included frozen pipes and flooding.

Mishler Theatre's Need for Federal Support:

To complete the Mishler Theatre Restoration Project the Blair County Arts Foundation must raise an additional \$1,347,250 for capital improvements to the facility.

The campaign is ongoing and its success is dependent upon securing adequate funding from the combination of federal, state and local governing entities, as well as receiving support from the private sector.

Of the monies that have been expended to date, twenty-five percent was contributed by the private sector, thirty-nine percent was granted through various state agencies, and the remaining thirty-seven percent was federally funded through HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (allocated locally by the City of Altoona).

All of these resources are vitally important to the continuation of the theatre's restoration and its ultimate completion.

Mishler Theatre's Economic Impact:

Altoona's Historic Mishler Theatre has been the community's cultural center since 1906 and is currently serves as the performing home of Altoona Community Theatre, Allegheny Ballet Company, Altoona Symphony Orchestra and the Blair Concert Chorale.

In addition, the facility is utilized for corporate meetings, graduations, inaugurations of local government officials, weddings, dance recitals and high school musicals.

The theatre hosted the 2000 Governor's Awards for the Arts and is the site of the Blair County Arts Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Downtown Altoona's firmly established arts community has been further enriched by the increasing presence of Penn State Altoona, which presents even greater opportunity for important collaborations that lead to economic development.

According to a recently published *Americans for the Arts* study America's not-for-profit arts and culture industry generates \$166.2 Billion in economic activity annually.

Unlike many industries, the arts and culture industry leverages a significant amount of event-related spending by audiences. By patronizing local restaurants, hotels and retail store, arts audiences generate significant additional income in local commerce, another contributor to economic development.

A unified, vital arts community plays an important role in a region's revitalization. Downtown Altoona certainly has that and has, in fact, become a destination, in terms of arts and entertainment. The Mishler Theatre restoration project has been central to the region's increased energy and rebirth.

Once the project has been completed it is expected to create the full time position of a theatre manager, as well as expand the existing part-time positions of box office manager and facilities manager to full time employment.

Justification for Utilization of Federal Funds In Support of the Mishler Theatre:

Altoona's Historic Mishler Theatre (Circa 1906) received its registration as a *National Historic Landmark* in May of 1973. The playhouse, noted for its cultural and architectural significance to the residents of Blair and the five contiguous counties of Bedford, Centre, Cambria, Clearfield, and Huntingdon is the only remaining structure of its type in the region.

As it is a societal obligation to preserve and protect these national treasures, directing federal financial resources in support of the theatre and the many educational outreach opportunities it provides, would seem an important and appropriate mission, if not a priority.

The ARTS are the signature of a nation. Joan Mondale

General Information

Project name: Roof Replacement for Pineroft Volunteer Fire Department

Amount of funding requested: \$54,000

Entity to receive funding: Pineroft Volunteer Fire Department

Street address of entity to receive funding: RR7, Box 890 Altoona, PA. 16601

Location of the project:

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

This project is for the total replacement of the roof at the headquarters of the Pineroft Volunteer Fire Department, located in Antis Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania. This project will entail the following:

1. removal of the old roofing materials
2. Preparation of building for acceptance of new roof
3. Instillation of new metal roofing over entire building
4. Removal of all materials form site

This project will take approximately two weeks from start to finish and will involle all local labor and materials.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

As a non-profit, volunteer fire department, our financial resources are constantly being strained, sometimes to the point of having to postpone some bills to pay others to prevent our accounts from being drained. Year after year we are asked to do more with less in terms of volunteers and financial resources. New threats and missions need addressed and increasing government regulation makes keeping our doors open harder and harder every year. While we perform to the highest standards, with a dedicated, albeit small number of volunteers, the risk for burn out is very real and new volunteers are not exactly knocking down the apparatus doors to join.

The steady decline of volunteers, less and less monetary donations, and more recently the downturn in the economy has created a perfect storm where it is the survival of the fittest and the reality that we will cease to exist in the very near future is quite scary and quite real.

Now as we are faced with the replacement of our dilapidated roof, with a cost of over fifty thousand, our need for federal support is immediate and very crucial. For without it, the Pineroft Fire Department will be no longer.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The economic impact of our project will help keep at least five persons employed for approximately fourteen days. We intend to use local labor for the project. In addition, local suppliers will be used for the needed materials therefore indirectly helping to support dozens of additional jobs. We will also be injecting over \$50,000 into the Blair County economy during a time where the monthly unemployment rate continues to rise.

Beyond the obvious support of jobs during this project, the long time impact is to continue the operation of a long standing volunteer fire department which has served the citizens of Antis Township and the surrounding area since the 1929. The cost in dollars is priceless, not to mention the property and lives that will be saved by our continuing operation.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

It is our belief that the use of federal funds for this project is justified, since the money will go to one of the greatest American intuitions, that of a volunteer fire department. Are volunteers are dedicating countless hours of there lives day or night, to saving lives and property. Added to this is the burden of raising funds to keep us in operation. With the help of federal funds, we can help reduce the overwhelming stress put on our volunteers by allowing them more times with their families.

Without federal funds, there is the possibility that we could cease to exist, taxes would be raised, or worse yet, lives and prosperities could be lost. While we understand that there are many requests for a limited amount of federal dollars, it is our feeling that the tangible and intangible cost benefit to the community and its' citizens is one that will yield a significant return.

Project Name

Simulation in Nursing Education, Facilities and Equipment

Request Amount

\$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University - Altoona
3000 Ivyside Park
Altoona, PA 16601

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for the expansion and renovations of the Pennsylvania State University – Altoona nursing lab and to purchase equipment to provide simulated clinical experiences. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because simulation provides improved training for nurses and the opportunity to expand training programs to meet the critical demand for clinically trained nurses in Blair County, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

General Information

Project name: Sustainable Communities Project

Amount of funding requested: \$750,000

Entity to receive funding: Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation

Street address of entity to receive funding: 3900 Industrial Park Drive

Location of the project: County-wide with emphasis on the urban core communities.

- County: Blair
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Sustainable Communities Project will provide the necessary financing to assist the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation and other community stakeholders in furthering efforts of transitioning communities such as the City of Altoona and the larger Boroughs throughout Blair County to support a 21st Century workforce and economy by addressing the issue of urban blight. Blair County communities like the City of Altoona continue to combat urban blight even as they struggle with limited financial resources. Blighted structures and the associated societal problems within these neighborhoods and downtown areas result in a more rapid deterioration of adjoining structures, disinvestment of property upkeep, devaluation of property values, and in many cases an increase in violent crimes much of which is associated with drug trafficking. Blair County communities have partnered with "Operation Out Town", an organization and program dedicated to fighting drugs and violent crimes in Central PA, with one of the goals to eliminate blight in the core urban areas. The sustainable Communities Project will provide additional financial resources that will allow the appropriate agencies acquire blighted deteriorated properties, mitigate environmental issues, and begin the process of preparing the sites for new economic development activities in partnership with other public and private entities. In addition, the Sustainable Communities Program will also provide an impetus to spur mixed-use redevelopment with the urban core areas by opening up new land to investment opportunities to benefit all including those living in these depressed areas.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

As previously mentioned communities such as the City of Altoona are continuously struggling to combat blight and blighting influences that are negatively impacting older urban core neighborhoods as well as the traditional downtown areas. Many communities like Altoona are utilizing the resources that are available such as the Community Development Block Grants and other programs but those resources are limited. As urban centers are once again becoming more and more attractive areas for new investment, be it commercial, residential or even retail, the municipalities must take proactive measures to assure that blight and blighting influences are removed to encourage this new investment

and the spin-off economic development activities that will result. In the City of Altoona, the downtown area is being revitalized as a result of commitments on the part of two very large economic "engines", the Altoona Regional Health System and Penn State Altoona. Areas around planned investment must be addressed in terms of blight removal so the educational/medical community can continue to impact the downtown area. Blighted and underutilized building must be acquired, demolished and site prepared for new investment. The City of Altoona is committing financial resources in the targeted areas but that commitment is not sufficient to address all of the needs. The additional federal support is required to aggressively pursue the goals associated with this urban redevelopment effort.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

As mentioned in the previous paragraph, the City's core area is in the midst of a major transformation driven primarily by the educational community in Penn State and health care industry in the Altoona Regional Health System. Both have recently embarked on projects that are creating significant new investment in the downtown and job creation activity. Penn State Altoona has partnered with the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation and has opened the Penn State Downtown Campus focusing on the utilization of 3 recently redeveloped properties at an investment in excess of \$7 million. With the influx of students now attending classes in the downtown, with new administrative offices located within the downtown campus, the City of Altoona is experiencing a "renaissance" along the 12th Avenue corridor in the downtown. And on the other side of downtown along the 9th Avenue corridor, the Altoona Regional Health System, in partnership with private developers, are redeveloping the former Station Retail Mall into a state of the art new Medial Mall with investment to date of \$12 million and planned investment in the next phase of an additional \$12-\$15 million.

Hundreds of new customers/visitors are coming into the downtown for either educational or medical reasons creating economic opportunities not seen in the center city in decades. However, in order to continue this economic growth and development, the City must continue to have the financial resources to acquire and adaptively reuse vacant, abandoned and underutilized buildings and sites. The Sustainable Communities Project will assist in further these goals.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Within a strategic frame work, the Sustainable Communities Project is more than just an aggressive attack on blight, blighting influences and creating opportunity for new investment within the urban core communities. It supports four guiding principles for long term community sustainability. Those principles are 1) attract, retain and develop sustainable wealth generating employment based upon unique community value propositions; 2) attract and retain talent to fuel new economic development opportunities by creating a community that is attractive and dynamic in nature; 3) establish a community culture that promotes entrepreneurship. Creativity, resource preservation and technology innovation, tolerance and education; and 4) aggressively encourage the redevelopment of urban centers through smart growth principles. The national significance and the justification for the use of federal funding are reflective in the following objectives of many older northeast cities:

- Grow the overall population toward optimal sustainability with emphasis on attracting and maintaining the 24-40 age cohort.
- Increase the % of advanced degrees as a % of the overall population.
- Eliminate the influence of drug and crime activity.
- Develop and maintain regional economic development partnerships.
- Actively support the redevelopment and sustainability of our urban core to include market rate housing, recreational, retail, and workplace options by leveraging the core economic drivers within communities such as the Regional Health System and Penn State University- Altoona.

General Information

Project name: ARENA PHYSICAL PLANT UPGRADE.

Amount of funding requested: \$235,000.00

Entity to receive funding: CAMBRIA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL ARENA

Street address of entity to receive funding: 326 NAPOLEON STREET

Location of the project: JOHNSTOWN, PA 15901

- County: CAMBRIA
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
CAMBRIA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL ARENA
326 NAPOLEON STREET, JOHNSTOWN PA 15901

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

THERE is a need to bring the Arena up to today's industry standards:

An Event Deck (portable flooring) is the solution for converting our ice arena into a multi-use facility by quickly and economically converting the ice floor in to a trade show, concert, or special event floor. Replacing the plexi-glass with clean unmarked glass will provide a positive fan experience. Rehabilitation of the existing locker rooms will provide a user friendly environment, and by rehabilitating our existing ice floor we will realize savings in both utilities and extend the life of the pipes indefinitely to continue all hockey operations, both amateur and professional.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): The continued need to bring the Arena up to industry standards & provide the general public with the best quality entertainment, site lines, and clean environment.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Portable flooring (Event Deck) is the solution for converting our ice arena into a multi-use facility by quickly and economically converting the ice floor into a trade show floor, concert floor or other special-event floor. Replacing the plexi-glass with clean unmarked glass will provide a positive fan experience. Rehabilitation of the existing locker rooms will provide a user friendly environment, and by rehabilitating our existing ice floor we will realize savings in electricity and extend the life of the pipes indefinitely to continue all hockey operations, both amateur and professional

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

In order to provide the general public with the best quality entertainment, site lines, and clean environment.

Project Name

Cambria 9th Public Service Providers Association

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Cambria 9th Public Service Providers
496 Railroad Avenue
PO Box 203
Patton, PA 16668

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The Cambria 9th Public Service Providers Association is a coalition of police, fire, and EMS providers. Funding for this project would be used to upgrade and purchase equipment for first responders in northern Cambria County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will assist local police, fire, and emergency medical service agencies enhance safety. Specifically, funding will enable first responders to integrate with recently upgraded communications infrastructure.

General Information

Project name: Center for Global Competitiveness

Amount of funding requested: \$350,000

Entity to receive funding: Saint Francis University

Street address of entity to receive funding: PO Box 600, 117 Evergreen Dr., Loretto PA 15940

Location of the project:

- County: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Saint Francis University and Saint Vincent College CGCs have assisted small businesses throughout our ten county region of Pennsylvania (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland) to explore new and expanded international markets. Over the years, the region's traditional industries such as steel, rail and coal have been severely impacted by economic dislocations. Businesses that served these industries were significantly affected as well. While economic conditions have had their ups and downs, it is still critical that businesses understand the importance benefit of the evolving global economy. In order to compete, the region's businesses need to take advantage of all the opportunities available to them. This includes developing alternative markets both domestically and abroad. With the increased interest in our being globally competitive, the CGC continues to play an important role in the region. Since the program's inception, the CGC has been part of each institution's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). This allows for integration with the SBDC activities and better service to the target clientele. Since its inception, the Center has worked with almost 600 companies. Since 1998, client companies reported export and domestic sales in excess of **\$179 million and \$950 million** respectively.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

In order to conduct trade internationally, it is critical that a company have easy access to all the resources available to it. The CGC, through its prior funding, has developed and strong and close working relationship with the various resources available through the US Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration. Continued federal funding will enable this to continue and enhance the ability to provide the highest quality assistance to the region's business community

looking to expand international opportunities. The CGC has been ahead of the curve in helping businesses compete in the rapidly evolving global marketplace.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Since 1993, the CGC has significantly impacted the companies it has assisted. In addition to the sales figures mentioned above, client companies have reported creating **859 jobs** and retaining **4,632 jobs**. Companies have received over 8,600 trade leads and 98 companies have received market access grants. With 460 companies, the CGC accomplished research project for them allowing them to evaluate and enter new international and domestic markets. In preparing companies do conduct international trade, 95 companies were assisted various regulatory and documentation issues. With this history to date, the CGC anticipates that it will have continued success in the future. Additionally, since the dollar has fallen against virtually all major currencies, the products of the region's businesses have become more attractive to foreign buyers. It has also been seen that in this time of economic downturn, the export marketplace is one area that remains bright. As a result of these factors, there are tremendous opportunities for CGC client companies. In other words, the CGC will be able to assist companies in generating international sales as they have to date and with this will come additional creation and retention of jobs.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Providing assistance to businesses to better enable them to conduct business internationally involves the cooperation and expertise of organizations like the Center for Global Competitiveness as well as with various partners at both the federal and state level. As mentioned above, the CGC has developed a close working relationship with the Department of Commerce through its International Trade Administration. It also works closely with the appropriate agencies in Pennsylvania as well as with other local service providers. These partnerships work and serve the businesses well in maximizing their opportunities with international trade. Every dollar invested in providing assistance to companies looking at expanding international trade opportunities returns much more back to both the federal and state government in the form of additional tax revenue not only from the companies involved but in maintaining and increasing employment as well. It is a win-win situation for all the parties involved in programs such as the CGC.

Project Name

Coal County Hangout Center, Northern Cambria, PA

Amount Requested

\$50,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Coal County Hangout Youth Center
1102 Maple Avenue
Northern Cambria, PA 17717

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for improvements to the Coal County Hangout Youth Center in Northern Cambria, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this rural facility serves as a safe place for children and families and offers a safe alternative to drug use and violence.

General Information

Project name: **NEW FIRE STATION**

Amount of funding requested: **\$500,000.00**

Entity to receive funding: **SPANGLER FIRE COMPANY**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **2001 BIGLER AVENUE**

Location of the project: **NORTHERN CAMBRIA BOROUGH**

- County: **CAMBRIA**

- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): **We plan the construction of a new three bay fire station. The plan also includes renovation of part of a 1973 addition to the existing fire station, and demolition of the original structure that was built in 1912.**

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Located in rural central Pennsylvania, the people of the northern Cambria area have provided support through various fund raising activities and tax base from the municipalities of Northern Cambria Borough, Susquehanna Township, and West Carroll Township. This financial support provides for the operation of the fire company, only! The economics of the area cannot provide the funding for this project. We have received a \$25,000.00 grant from Pennsylvania DCED for the project.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Although temporary, the project will provide construction jobs for approximately nine months. The number of job's, is not yet known. It will not be determined until the bidding process is complete.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

A fire station is a crucial public facility for saving lives and community property. Our current facility is inadequate (the roof needs replaced, the second floor area is needs major renovation because of the leaking roof, the exterior brick façade is deteriorating, the second floor is not ADA compliant, the heating system is not efficient) the repairs needed would cost as much as the replacement building. We are a small rural volunteer organization and our local economy cannot support this project.

Project Name

Nurse Education – Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)

Amount Requested

\$2 million

**Is there any language attached to this project request? If so, include it here
Intended Recipient of Funds**

Saint Francis University
117 Evergreen Drive
Loretto, PA 15940

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project will allow CERMUSA to collaborate with clinical partners and other key Army stakeholders to develop and implement a multi-pronged strategy to address the core issues impacting the military's ability to maintain the supply of active duty registered nurses. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these strategies will serve to address the shortages of registered nurses as well as nurse educators and will, as a final outcome, function as a core strategy for recruitment and retention.

Currently, the Army has approximately 59,000 enlisted personnel serving as medics in a variety of theatres, including Iraq and Afghanistan. These medics are promising nursing students because of their affinity for treating and managing injured warriors. Despite the formal training supplied by the Army and the vast life support skills they acquire, they possess no diploma or certification to practice healthcare in civilian institutions. Many medics pursue a career in healthcare once leaving active duty. On the sheer basis of volume alone, this group of active duty personnel presents a very clear opportunity upon which to build a source of bachelors prepared registered nurses to meet the ongoing recruitment needs of the Army. In addition, this group has already had some preparation and has demonstrated affinity for the type of work which Army nurses are prepared to address. In light of this opportunity, an online Bachelor of Science curriculum will be developed with the intent of allowing progression of the Army medic toward degree completion. The ultimate goal of this project will be qualification for, and entry into, the Army Nurse Corps. Following development of the initial program, additional educational tracks could be developed. Areas for consideration would include a nurse practitioner program with a concentration in neurology/mental health or a Clinical Nurse Specialist program with an emphasis in TBI/PTSD. Both options would result in the preparation of advanced practice nurses who would help meet the needs of returning warriors.

General Information

Project name: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Workforce Education Complex

Amount of funding requested: \$1,500,000

Entity to receive funding: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

Street address of entity to receive funding: 101 Community College Way, Johnstown, PA 15904

Location of the project:

- County: Cambria County
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): same as entity

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College (PHCC) renovated a former high school in 2007 to become its permanent main campus. At the time, PHCC did not have sufficient funding to renovate the Workforce Education Complex planned for that facility. Workforce education is an important component of PHCC's mission and provides much needed workforce training for the local region. Pennsylvania Highlands Community College provides flexible, cost-effective, customized training for updating and enhancing workforce skills. The Workforce Education complex will consist of flexible space designed to accommodate large or small group training utilizing the latest technology

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Several of the major providers of equipment and software that build the infrastructure of the United States' military defense have made a home in the greater Johnstown area. The CEO's of several of these companies see the proposed Workforce Education Complex as a needed facility to build the education base of the regional population such that it is prepared to take on the work assignments available in these high-tech industries.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The local/regional impact of a completed workforce education complex may be measured in increased educational opportunities for area residents that will be designed to make these residents workforce ready for existing business and industry and to make the region more attractive to prospective business and industry that is considering the Johnstown or other population centers of the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board region for a location.

The construction would provide work for some 30 tradesmen to complete the renovation of the Workforce Education Complex. Once constructed, the college would add approximately 3 positions to operate the WEC and to explore training opportunities for regional industries. Additionally, there would be work opportunities for several part-time faculty to conduct trainings and/or teach credit courses as part of the WEC's activities.

The long-term benefit of this project is to provide a suitable space for quick-turnaround training to assist employed workers in updating skills. Additionally, this space will also be used to re-train unemployed workers to provide these individuals with marketable skills that are in demand by local employers. This will result in increased opportunities for employment for these individuals and a reduction in the local unemployment rate.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

This project deserves the attention of Congress because it promotes workforce development in a region that has suffered economically for more than three decades. For an investment of \$1.5 million dollars, the workforce education complex could have an impact on reducing the need for federal dollars to subsidize the incomes of workers long displaced by the steel industry. An improved overall economic environment for Cambria County and the surrounding region would also mean an increase in dollars paid into federal income taxes.

General Information

Project name: Property Management/Project Development

Amount of funding requested: \$135,000

Entity to receive funding: Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation

Street address of entity to receive funding:
4200 Crawford Ave. Suite200
Northern Cambria, PA 15714

Location of the project:

- County: Cambria
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) is a 501©(3) organization incorporated in June of 1986. It was created by local people attempting to provide a common voice for effective leadership in the alleviation of poverty and economic distress through a community based pro-active coalition wherein decisions on actions, projects, and policies are made by the people. NCCDC currently owns, operates, and/or developed more than 14 different housing projects, providing affordable housing for more than 180 people. NCCDC also operates 9 PHFA programs, 2 USDA programs, and a Health and Human Services OCS program.

NCCDC wants to expand their services to include Project Development/Construction and Professional Property Management. These services would allow NCCDC to collect unrestricted fees, which would not only help ensure the financial future of the corporation, but also give it the opportunity to expand and grow. These services would not only help the corporation, but also open our doors to other counties, municipalities, and groups to come to us with a dream of a project and allow us to make it into a reality. We are also asking for funds to perform internal audits and expand our internal capacity, to be prepared for the expansion of the corporation.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) offers a very unique group of services and housing opportunities for the people of our service area. These opportunities greatly increase the well-being of our clients and tenants. Without our company these opportunities would not exist in our area. Even though these services are great for the service area, from a business standpoint, they are not wise for a private corporation. Previous managerial decisions focused on these great programs, but the decisions lacked forethought and prohibited growth of the actual corporation. With the current economic situation, the corporation lacks its own internal funding. These services provide minimal to no finances to the parent corporation. The current focus of the corporation is to create cash flowing opportunities. With the history and experience of the corporation in the housing sector, it would be an easy transition for the corporation to expand into the Project Development/Construction and Professional Property Management market. This expansion would also lead to increased work and offer employment. This corporation does not have the cash flow or reserve accounts to enter into this opportunity without this grant. The corporation also will not survive without creating private cash flowing opportunities.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This project will give us the opportunity to reach out to other counties, municipalities, and groups to offer our services of development and construction for projects and growth within their area. Our doors would be open for these organizations to come to us with an idea and we would have the capacity to make their dream a reality. Once that project is constructed, we would then have the education and experience to offer professional property management, to ensure the project's continued success. Through this process of creating, constructing, and managing a project, we would not only be creating economic development, but also producing funds that would help keep this corporation functioning. This additional funding is essential for us to continue to offer our own housing properties and programs.

Our property management opportunities exist in the current market today. There are many properties nation-wide that we would be able to offer our management services to. Once all of these new venture services are in full operation, there is no limit to the potential of this corporation. At the onset of this grant, job will be sustained and a few new jobs may be created. Although the total number of jobs that could be created in the future is undeterminable, we would hope to be able to create more than 10 career-type jobs within 5 years of the award.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The federal government and the state of PA, through numerous programs, have put a lot of money, time, and faith into this corporation. There are many people that live in our properties that depend on this corporation for a place that they call home. Without producing a cash flowing entity within the corporation that can provide capital to the parent corporation, the company can not exist through today's economy. By creating a Project Development/Construction and Professional Property Management, this gives the company an easy transition into a cash flowing related opportunity. This venture will ensure that the Government's and Pennsylvania's money and time over the last 23 years has not been wasted. Most importantly, the people who depend on the corporation for housing and employment can sleep comfortable at night, knowing that NCCDC will be there in the morning. This new venture's potential is unlimited in the number of ways it can help in many different aspects, including employment, economic expansion, and housing. The market for these services currently exists for our corporation. We continually get contacted about helping develop projects, but unfortunately the corporation doesn't have the current capacity to offer services. This is why the grant is so important and would make an instant impact. With the timing of this grant and the release of the stimulus money, there are many groups and municipalities that need that intermediary to work with them and funding agencies. The region would see the economic development quickly. We are the only organization, in our region of Pennsylvania, which offers our catalog of housing opportunities and programs. Without this corporation there are a lot of people that would have no where to turn.

Project Name

Rural Health – Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)

Amount Requested

\$7.5 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

Saint Francis University
117 Evergreen Drive
Loretto, PA 15940

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

CERMUSA performs applied military research in telehealth, distance learning, and telerehabilitation to benefit individuals, healthcare facilities, and educational entities in rural and remote regions. This research is carried out at minimal cost via strategic partnerships with military, healthcare, business, and other governmental areas. All of CERMUSA's research efforts are conducted using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies, making these projects both sustainable and replicable in a cost-effective manner. CERMUSA disseminates the results of this research via publication, presentation, and live demonstrations of technology solutions in action. CERMUSA, under the direction of the U.S. Army, serves as a technology test bed readily available to the Armed Forces for test and evaluation of both military-spec and commercially available hardware and software. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because, as an asset of the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, CERMUSA provides direct service to DOD by performing constant analysis of current trends in computing and communications. CERMUSA's main area of operations, central Pennsylvania, strongly approximates many of the same communications and technology difficulties experienced by America's Armed Services throughout the world, including difficult terrain, extreme weather conditions, and a lack of reliable communications architectures. By overcoming these difficulties with readily-available commodity technologies, often combined in unique or novel ways, CERMUSA provides viable alternatives to often costly (and proprietary) military-spec hardware and software.

Project Name

Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

Request Amount

\$400,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University
117 Old Main
University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will provide assistance for agricultural entrepreneurship development. This project is important both regionally and nationally because it focuses on education and other support necessary to help farmers make a transition from “traditional” types of farming to value-added agricultural enterprises. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because developing the entrepreneurial skills of agricultural producers assists in providing higher profits on farms, a decline in farm consolidation, and increased opportunities for consumers to obtain products that meet their lifestyles. Growth of entrepreneurial skills strengthens farmers' ability to act on consumer-based opportunities. This strengthens the agricultural industry, local communities, and provides consumers with goods and services they are willing and able to buy. Because of its unique production characteristics and market access, Pennsylvania is an ideal location for this project.

Project Name

Dairy Farm Profitability, PA

Request Amount

\$550,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University

117 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will provide assistance to improve dairy farm profitability. This project will provide technological solutions to real-world problems that are reducing the profitability of dairy farms in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Technologies will be validated for their economic impact and delivered as part of a broader economic analysis of individual farms. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the local dairy farm is part of a complex system which extends from local issues of decisions regarding nutrient management, animal genetics, and operation diversity to global issues of supply and demand for dairy products. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

Project Name

Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

Request Amount

\$400,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University
117 Old Main
University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will provide research to address improved dairy management practices and specifically nutrient and emissions management. The project will be focused on addressing issues associated with dairy production by utilizing technology to improve water quality, lowering the impacts of emissions, and supporting efficient energy use.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Evaluating new management tools for their impact on dairy farm profitability and delivering new tools to the industry based on sound scientific study is vital to the future of U.S. dairy production. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

General Information

Project name: Integrated Bioenergy Farm

Amount of funding requested: \$1,000,000

Entity to receive funding: Pennsylvania State University

Street address of entity to receive funding: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Location of the project:

- County: Centre
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Penn State University proposes to host a Bioenergy Bridge Center of Excellence to address the critical need for integrated research and technology development in the area of biofuels research. The Center will serve as a bridge between the laboratory bench and industrial implementation in the areas of technical feasibility, process and system economics, product quality and yield. The Bioenergy Bridge Center will address the full spectrum of challenges to our national priority of reducing dependence on foreign sources of oil by increasing production of biofuels. By conducting integrated research into every stage of the biofuels process – from plant transformation to production, harvest, and storage; and from biomass pretreatment to fuel formulation and engine testing – Penn State University will optimize whole system performance while minimizing environmental impact and reducing fuel costs. This integrated approach along the full “fields-to-fuels” value chain will provide invaluable feedback and a systematic improvement to our development of a national biofuels infrastructure.

Specifically, we propose to implement this work in the context of an Integrated Bioenergy Farm. The Integrated Bioenergy Farm will focus a unique interdisciplinary research program on Penn State farmland.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Funding will be used to create and support an Integrated Bioenergy Farm that will optimize bioenergy crop production for Pennsylvania and link production to all steps of the bioenergy cycle. The Integrated Bioenergy Farm will connect research, resident education, and extension education programming to provide Pennsylvania and the nation with next-generation solutions to bio-renewable resources.

Bioenergy crops will be integrated into food production cropping systems relevant to the Northeast. A grower advisory team will contribute to cropping system selection and design. Initially six systems will be implemented at field-scale to demonstrate the opportunities and challenges associated with reducing fossil energy dependence and greenhouse gas production of farming systems. Bioenergy crops harvested from these fields will be converted into biodiesel at Penn State’s student run biodiesel pilot plant, ethanol (including cellulosic) at a nearby Bioenergy International pilot plant, or pelletized at the

Penn State Energy Institute. Field operations on the farm will be powered by a 100% biodiesel tractor provided by Case New Holland.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Full funding would enable hiring of 10-20 extension educators, postdoctoral scholars, technical staff, and graduate and undergraduate students.

Pennsylvania has established a goal of leading the nation in renewable energy solutions, and two key aspects of this plan will be research to provide the science base for renewable energy decisions and training of current and future workforces in all aspects of the science. The Integrated Bioenergy Farm will provide this linkage in support of Pennsylvania's aspirations to be a regional and national leader.

The Bioenergy Farm will focus a unique interdisciplinary research program on Penn State farmland. Bioenergy crops will be integrated into food production cropping systems relevant to Pennsylvania and the Northeast United States. The combination of a scientific approach to bioenergy crop production, linkage to the other aspects of the bioenergy life cycle, and a focus on training workers for today and the next generation of bioenergy sector employees and innovators is not duplicated elsewhere.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Funding will be used to create and support an Integrated Bioenergy Farm that will optimize bioenergy crop production for Pennsylvania and link production to all steps of the bioenergy cycle. The Integrated Bioenergy Farm will connect research, resident education, and extension education programming to provide Pennsylvania and the nation with next-generation solutions to bio-renewable resources.

The research goal of this interdisciplinary project is to develop environmentally, energetically, and economically sustainable cropping systems for the northeastern US. Systems will be designed to minimize fossil fuel inputs and greenhouse gas emissions, and to integrate energy crops with food production. We will use a systems levels approach to compare and optimize energetic, agronomic, and environmental performance of each agroecosystem.

Project Name

Milk Safety, PA

Request Amount

\$800,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University

117 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will support research that protects the safety of dairy products for Pennsylvania and the nation. Research will address the continued threat of natural or intentional contamination of the fluid milk supply. The project will focus on continuing to develop more sensitive, accurate, and cost-effective diagnostic tools to identify pathogens and toxins.

Additionally, research will support developing and evaluating alternative preservation techniques that ensure the safety of dairy products while preserving food quality attributes, evaluating the benefits and risks associated with consumer and producer interest in raw milk products, and examining the integrity of the supply chain that moves dairy products from the farm gate to the consumer.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because new technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income. Current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Milk safety funding provides a tool for the federal government to respond quickly to emerging issues within the dairy industry and is necessary to maintain consumer protection and confidence. Improvements can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers.

Project Name

Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

Request Amount

\$400,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pennsylvania State University
117 Old Main
University Park, PA 16802

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program to assist diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. This project will increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Additionally, the project will support research on specific techniques to infuse environmentally and economically sustainable practices into a wide variety of agricultural production systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices is critical to meeting future agricultural and natural resources challenges in both the United States and worldwide. Sustainability in agricultural production is a national theme that resonates broadly with national targets of sustainability and responsible use of natural resources. Increasing production without causing permanent ecological damage benefits farmers, consumers, and the environment.

Project Name

Coalport Borough Streetscape Project, Coalport, PA

Amount Requested

\$150,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Coalport Borough Council

961 Forest Street

Coalport, PA 16627

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for streetscape improvements in Coalport Borough, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will focus on downtown revitalization efforts within the Borough's historic and central business districts to improve the quality of life for residents and spur economic development.

General Information

Project name: Campus Surface Transportation Improvements, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

Amount of funding requested: \$1,000,000

Entity to receive funding: Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1871 Old Main Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Location of the project:

- County: Cumberland
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Shippensburg University is seeking federal funding to complete the final ½ mile segment of its campus-wide surface transportation improvements project as specified by the University's Facilities Master Plan. When coupled with adjoining state and local routes, these improvements will enhance the health, safety, and operational sustainability of the existing campus circulation network. Moreover, these improvements will resolve internal and external vehicle and pedestrian safety issues by facilitating ingress and egress when major campus events are held (contributing to local and regional economic impacts) and thereby mitigate the pre-improvement traffic congestion impacts imposed on the adjacent communities of Shippensburg borough and Shippensburg Township. The University is currently working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to implement the Federal Design process for previous federal transportation funding commitments.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

This project will implement a component of the Shippensburg University Facilities Master Plan by enhancing the health, safety, and operational sustainability of the existing campus circulation through establishing an on-campus perimeter access roadway; the end of which will connect to State Route 696. The on-campus loop road, combined with a vehicle-free core and new green space areas, will eliminate vehicle/pedestrian conflicts and result in a pedestrian-oriented campus. The perimeter roadway will also facilitate access to the University's new facilities, including the Performing Arts Center and new Conference center.

Shippensburg University and Shippensburg Township submitted a joint request to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATSMPO) requesting a revision Federal-Aid System to use the FY 2006 earmarked SAFETEA-LU funds. The Federal Highway Administration approved the request in April 2006.

Shippensburg University is situated in both Shippensburg Township and Shippensburg Borough. Traffic congestion and circulation deficiencies have long been identified by both local and University officials as a growing problem that will stymie both the community and economic development opportunities of the greater Shippensburg community. Sources of congestion include both automobile and truck traffic generating from the growth of the University and ongoing economic development projects in the region.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The completion of this campus surface transportation project will connect the Conference Center at Shippensburg University with the Shippensburg University campus and will have a direct economic impact for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through conferences, conventions and performances.

The Conference center will serve as a multifunctional facility offering over 77,000 square feet of office, classroom, career development, meeting, and dining space, which will accommodate seating for 750 persons. This facility, coupled with the amenities of Shippensburg University, including the Luhr's Performing Arts Center, will meet the growing needs of the south central Pennsylvania business community by providing the much needed year-round accommodations for business and career development, technology training, meeting, conventions, trade shows, banquets, and other public/non-public gathering needs. No other comparable facility exists within the region. The Conference Center will be a driving force to increase the University's economic impact in the Commonwealth. The PA State System of Higher Education's "Economic Impact on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2006" report showed Shippensburg University had a direct impact of \$118,686,956 and an indirect impact of \$166,921,335 for a total impact of \$285,608,291.

Based on assumptions regarding the proposed development components of the Conference Center facility, the estimated direct and induced impacts of the operational aspects of the project have been calculated utilizing a computer model developed by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc. The resulting impact results include 235 jobs created or supported, over \$4,000,000 in employee compensation, and over \$1,000,000 in state and local tax impact.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

This project will implement a component of the Shippensburg University Facilities Master Plan by enhancing the health, safety, and operational sustainability of the existing campus circulation through establishing an on-campus perimeter access roadway; the end of which will connect to State Route 696. The on-campus loop road, combined with a vehicle-free core and new green space areas, will eliminate vehicle/pedestrian conflicts and result in a pedestrian-oriented campus. The perimeter roadway will also facilitate access to the University's new facilities, including the Performing Arts Center and new Conference center.

Shippensburg University and Shippensburg Township submitted a joint request to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATSMPO) requesting a revision Federal-Aid System to use the FY 2006 earmarked SAFETEA-LU funds. The Federal Highway Administration approved the request in April 2006.

Shippensburg University is situated in both Shippensburg Township and Shippensburg Borough. Traffic congestion and circulation deficiencies have long been identified by both local and University officials as a growing problem that will stymie both the community and economic development opportunities of the greater Shippensburg community. Sources of congestion include both automobile and truck traffic generating from the growth of the University and ongoing economic development projects in the region.

General Information

Project name: Regional Conference Center, Phase III, Shippensburg University Foundation,
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Amount of funding requested: \$500,000

Entity to receive funding: Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1871 Old Main Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Location of the project:

- County: Cumberland
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Shippensburg University Regional Conference Center, Phase III, will serve as a multifunctional facility offering over 77,000 square feet of office, classroom, career development, meeting, and dining space, which will accommodate seating for 750 persons. This facility coupled with the amenities of Shippensburg University, will meet the growing needs of South Central Pennsylvania's business community by providing the much needed year round accommodations for business and career development, and technology training, meetings, conventions, trade-shows, banquets, and other public/non-public gathering needs.

Shippensburg University and the Shippensburg University Foundation's support to this facility is exemplified by the fact that two-thirds (Phases I and II) of the facility was completed in January 2005. The remaining phase will include the construction of the 750 seat full service kitchen and dining facility.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

This facility, coupled with the amenities of Shippensburg University, including the Performing Arts Center, will meet the growing needs of the south central Pennsylvania business community by providing the much needed year-round accommodations for business and career development, technology training, meetings, conventions, trade shows, banquets, and other public/non-public gathering needs. No other comparable facility exists within the region.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

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Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The Congress of the United States should strongly consider the funding of this project to enhance economic growth in an area with a proven track record, increase the knowledge base already established by a region university, and allow industry, business, government, and education to work together to create an environment in South Central Pennsylvania that will impact many of the major regional centers of the US-Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington DC, New York.

General Information

Project name:

Voices of the Past Speak to the Future

Amount of funding requested:

\$202,000.

Entity to receive funding:

Military Heritage Foundation (doing business as Army Heritage Center Foundation)

Street address of entity to receive funding:

Army Heritage Center Foundation

950 Soldiers Drive

Carlisle, PA 17013

Location of the project:

- County: Cumberland
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

“Voices of the Past Speak to the Future” will continue to provide educators and students (grades 6-12) with primary source materials from the Army Heritage and Education Center’s collections that address state and national standards of history related disciplines and provide content about periods of history minimally covered in standard history textbooks.

Undergraduate, graduate and high school interns, recruited mostly from Pennsylvania schools, research and develop the materials under the education department’s supervision. The interns select manuscripts, photographs, and artifacts that illuminate the history of our nation through the voices of Soldiers who have served. History majors discover the value of primary research; education majors exploit skills developed in the classroom to organize primary and secondary resources to produce standards based education materials.

The Foundation also sponsors National History Day in Pennsylvania that helps teachers meet educational standards; disseminates high quality curriculum materials; and sponsors challenging contests that teach students the critical skills to be effective 21st century citizens. The NHD in PA sponsorship is an opportunity to promote the use of AHEC’s collections as a resource that fosters good citizenship through investigation of the military’s role in the development of our nation in times of peace and war.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Foundation's primary goal is to build two structures to support the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC). Once the Visitor and Education Center (VEC) and Army Heritage Museum (AHM) are completed the Foundation will solicit support to create an endowment to support educational outreach in support of the AHEC. Federal funding provides the interim monies necessary to promote the AHEC within Pennsylvania and nationwide.

Funding will be used by the Army Heritage Center Foundation in Middlesex Township just outside Carlisle, PA to continue, as well as enhance, its partnership with educators, future educators and public historians across the state and nation through its website, workshops and sponsorship of National History Day in Pennsylvania Day to expand their content knowledge of the U.S. Army and Soldier stories that are an integral part of our nation's history.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

It retains two Foundation positions, Education Director and Education Assistant.

The Education Department recruits interns, minimum 2 per academic semester, plus high school students in the school to career program, and in summer, provides high school, undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work in educational outreach and product development. The program provides employable skills to undergraduate and graduate students and supports graduation requirements for high school students.

Content knowledge is vital for educators in the social studies field and is needed to bring fresh information to their students. The Foundation is approved as an Act 48 PA Professional Development Provider giving PA teachers the opportunity to make use of AHCF/AHEC programs to retain certification and positions.

The website will provide resources to increase content knowledge; continuing distribution of the CD's and DVD gives educators products to use in the classroom to engage the students. In addition to the website and electronic resources, the workshops and lecture series offered to educators and students add to their information and skill bases.

The National History Day program is a proven way for students to engage in historical research, content management, and presentation. By developing a project, students become subject matter experts bringing analysis and interpretation to their topic; skills that lead to a more informed citizenry as well as skills necessary in the work field.

NHD in PA partners with the Lancaster County Visitors Bureau to provide accommodations and promote tourism in the region for participants in the state competition.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The Army Heritage Center Foundation is the non profit 501 C 3 organization that promotes and supports the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) located in Middlesex Township just outside Carlisle, PA. The AHEC has a public mission to tell Soldier stories which reflect America's story. At present, the AHEC focuses on in-house, on-site educational programs.

The Foundation is the lead for outreach programs and production of educational products to promote the AHEC resources that are made available to veterans, families, genealogists, educators and students nation-wide.

The Foundation, with its interns, researches and develops materials offered nation wide to educational institutions that provide content to address national standards for the teaching of American history and related studies.

As a sponsor for Pennsylvania's participation in the National History Day program, it engages students in historical analysis and interpretation leading increasing academic skills and fosters an informed citizenry.

The program promotes a national educational resource within the Commonwealth and encourages educators, heritage tourists and genealogists to visit the Center, use its resources and participate in its public programs.

Project Name

Fallingwater Improvements

Request Amount

\$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
800 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for improvements at Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater, located in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Known for its cultural and architectural significance and listed on the National Register of Historic places, Fallingwater is a demonstration of the powerful result that can be achieved through the harmonious union of man's work with nature. Improvements are necessary to keep pace with increased visitor attendance. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it spurs economic development and improves access to a piece of our nation's heritage.

Project Name

Fayette Business Park, Fayette County, PA

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Fayette Industrial Fund

2 West Main Street

Uniontown, PA 15401

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for development and improvements to the Fayette Business Park in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because improvements to the business park are vital to efforts to stimulate economic development in Fayette County.

Project Name

Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport, Lemont Furnace, PA

Amount Requested

\$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

County of Fayette
61 East Main Street
Uniontown , PA 15401

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project would extend the current runway to 5,000 feet allowing for the landing of larger aircraft. Funding for this project would be used for safety improvements and the expansion of runway 5/23 at Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport. The extension of the runway is needed in order for larger aircraft to land safely at the airport. Fayette County is home to many tourist attractions including Seven Springs Resort, Hidden Valley, Fallingwater, Ohiopyle State Park and Fort Necessity Battlefield. The long-term economic viability of the area will be significantly impacted by the runway extension and allow for more passengers to access the airport.

General Information

Project name: **Ohiopyle Transportation Improvements Project, Fayette County, PA**

Amount of funding requested: **\$1,520,000**

Entity to receive funding: **County of Fayette**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **61 East Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401**

Location of the project:

- County: **Fayette County**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

This project proposes improvements to the Route 381 corridor through Ohiopyle State Park and Ohiopyle Borough. Improvements will include enhancements to the northern and southern gateways and pedestrian crosswalks, implementation of other traffic-calming techniques, creation of additional bike lanes to provide direct access from the bike trail bridge down to the falls area, installation of improved signage, and intersection improvements to support the development of a new visitors center.

The requested funding will be used to make upgrades to sections of State Route 381, the main thoroughfare in the community. The improvements are necessary to accommodate the 1.5 million visitors that come through Ohiopyle Borough and Ohiopyle State Park every year. The request is targeted to fund recommendations made in the master planning process. The master planning process is a joint effort of Ohiopyle Borough, the Ohiopyle State Park, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

State Route 381 is the main artery through Ohiopyle State Park, which attracts 1.5 million visitors per year.

Congestion and unsafe conditions could lead to a slowdown of the region's growth.

Multimodal transportation is a smart transportation tenet that will allow economic development and job creation to continue in this region.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Although there will be no permanent construction jobs created for this project, the long-term economic viability of Ohiopyle and Fayette County will be significantly impacted by business activity generated from this project. Safety improvements will help sort out the traffic flow for pedestrians, bicyclists, tour buses, and other traffic in the area.

The proposed safety improvements will allow for a more efficient traffic flow and ultimately will allow more visitors to be in the park at one time. The increase in tourists will spur economic development in an area that already hosts 1.5 million tourists per year.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Congress should fund this project because it advances several important national, state and local goals:

- **The park's system of trails provides recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.**
- **Ohiopyle is a mecca for whitewater enthusiasts. The Lower Yough, which begins after the Ohiopyle Falls, is the busiest section of whitewater in the eastern United States.**
- **The traffic improvements will make Ohiopyle a much safer and more desirable place for tourists to visit.**
- **The long-term economic viability of Ohiopyle will be significantly impacted based on business activity generated through business development efforts that capitalize on the user market for recreational activity.**

Project Name

Cadmium Emissions Reduction – Letterkenny Army Depot

Amount Requested

\$1 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

Mountain Research, LLC
825 25th Street
Altoona, PA 16601

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this work will help Letterkenny Army Depot conduct environmental management activities in an environmentally and fiscally sound, sustainable manner. Letterkenny's unique mission, which includes manufacturing, depot level maintenance, and demilitarization, presents significant challenges to maintaining operations while achieving aggressive sustainability targets and goals. Specifically, this project will assist in addressing federal and state regulatory issues associated with the reduction of cadmium levels in waste water affluent outflows. This technology implementation will also serve as a demonstration site to facilitate horizontal technology transfer to surrounding Pennsylvania military installations, other Army depots, and installations across the Department of Defense.

General Information

Project name: Chambersburg Downtown Public Library Building

Amount of funding requested: \$5,000,000

Entity to receive funding: Franklin County Library System

Street address of entity to receive funding: 101 Ragged Edge Road South,
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Location of the project:

- County: Franklin
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
King & Hood Streets, Chambersburg, PA (support drawing included)

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): The building project is a new home for the main library (currently known as Coyle Free Library) serving Chambersburg Borough, Hamilton Township, Franklin County as a headquarters and outreach center, and, additionally, the residents of Fulton County as a district library center. The current building has approximately 15,000 usable square feet for service to an area with a population well over 135,000. The existing facility is unable to house the county's two bookmobiles, their collections and staff, or the county-level library staff who provide all cataloging, processing, technology, administrative and support services. The building was constructed circa 1900 for use as a post office and is broken into many small spaces difficult to use as a public library. In 2008, it circulated 123,361 items to 168,295 customers. 29,181 customers used the internet computers during the same period. The new facility will be within a block of its current location, large enough to house local, county, and district services from one point. The building design will incorporate LEED certification at a minimum of silver level. The project will revitalize the perimeter of the downtown area.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Chambersburg Downtown Public Library Building initiative is aimed at replacing the current Coyle Free Library, serving as the district center library for Franklin and Fulton counties. The building, now at 102 North Main Street, is at the end of its useful life as a library. As public demand for information and educational opportunities increase, Franklin County needs a new central library that meets the diversifying needs of its citizens, and to more fully comply with the federal *Americans With Disabilities Act* and adapt for the future.

Community support for libraries is strong in Franklin County and the vast majority of people in Chambersburg are card-carrying library customers. Some financial support from the community has already been received for the project. However, with the current economic condition and the low income level of the area, there is no hope of raising adequate funds locally. The federal investment will produce a facility, which will last from 50 to 100 years or more, to serve one of the fastest growing counties in Pennsylvania. The new facility will be cost and energy efficient, meet the current and future needs of the community, and address the goals of economic development and community sustainability.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Public libraries have a long history of being the center of economic development and community revitalization. A recent independent peer-reviewed study, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, concluded that for every dollar spent on libraries, \$5.50 is returned to Pennsylvania taxpayers, an incredible return and a great value for taxpayers.

When libraries get new buildings they also create new jobs. We project that the new district center library will create additional positions for librarians and support staff, as demonstrated in the last decade at Grove Family Library.

The library, unlike other entities, creates new jobs for its customers. Even now, the library serves many individuals looking for jobs through resources and training in languages, computer use, and more. Coyle Free Library fuels job growth in the private sector by bringing customers to downtown Chambersburg who shop at area stores, eat at local restaurants, and stay or reside locally.

The new library will open up opportunities for job training and small business development and will enhance a long-term, sustainable economic development zone within Chambersburg. Communities across the country have benefited from the development of new library facilities. Chambersburg will do the same.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

In addition to the reasons stated earlier, the public library not only furnishes services for community residents, but also serves the federal and state government in several ways:

- As a repository for federal, state and local documents of public interest including geological maps, legal information/regulations and research assets.
- Distributing tax forms and providing access to tax filing services.
- As an important access point for public services to individuals, businesses and organizations that are looking for authoritative, unbiased information about starting and running a business.

102 North Main Street is the fifth location of the downtown Chambersburg library, a building which was formerly the Chambersburg area post office built around 1900. It has served as a library since 1964, providing quality professional library services and resources to the people of Chambersburg and surrounding communities, as well as serving as the district center and county system headquarters library since the 1980s. While the building experienced several necessary improvements and renovations over the last three decades, it has become increasingly apparent that the current building is neither adequate for the current needs of the community nor capable of meeting future needs of a growing and diverse population. This library district and system needs a new permanent central facility. While there is a large amount of public support, federal assistance is vital to supplement available local funding.

Building design and construction tasks will provide many jobs for a period of at least nine months.

General Information

Project name: **Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS)– Rallying to Relocate**

Amount of funding requested: **\$3,500,000**

Entity to receive funding: **Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **2325 Country Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202**

Location of the project:

- County: **Franklin**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): **Street address unidentified. Parcel 2-74B on the corner of Rocky Spring Road and Letterkenny Road West. Project is at former “Kenny Gardens” adjacent to Letterkenny Army Depot**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS) is relocating its operations to a donated, former “brownfield” (previously owned by LIDA and the Chambersburg Area School District), 11-acre plot of land in Greene Township, Franklin County, PA. This project was entered into by the CVAS Board of Directors based on several factors and needs of a growing community. Our importance as a community-relations entity required our agreement with CSX Corp. that permitted the creation of a cul-de-sac at the shelter’s current site on Country Road and allowed the Intermodal rail yard to rapidly grow in ways that are uninterrupted by governmental controls or animal shelter presence.

The new animal shelter will be a green building, designed with public health and safety as a top priority. The relocation campaign is budgeted at \$4.2 million to include debt service. To partially aid in this endeavor, CVAS requests a grant of \$3.5 Million from representative Members earmarks. CSX has already entered an agreement to purchase our existing building and laid the groundwork that may allow CVAS to construct only the second LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified building in Franklin County. The CVAS organization is committed to a building that is environmentally-friendly, energy efficient, community-minded, and contains the very best safety equipment. Additional construction costs will be raised locally.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

CVAS cooperated with local leading organizations to understand the need for economic development that resulted in a CSX Intermodal rail operation as our nearest neighbor. A dedicated, caring community came together to bolster this cooperative spirit with offers of support to relocate their animal shelter. To demonstrate this support, the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, Chambersburg Area Development Corp. and Chambersburg Area School District have already made significant contributions of support to

assure this project becomes successful. As a county with influx of population growth, the shelter must do something to meet growing needs. This partnership represents the appropriate vehicle to develop acceptable animal care well into the future.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): **Local underworked contractors will be employed to stimulate the economy with a project nearly ready to construct.**

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): **This redevelopment using a LEED building on a former Lettekenny brownfield will demonstrate to future developers that Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority can succeed in their mission of re-developing Army land. Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter is convinced that we can direct our mission by demonstrating that a healthy environment can be provided for dogs and cats within a “brownfield” that the Army has environmentally sufficiently cleaned. Our confidence in this leading land might be inspiring to other developers that we all hope will entertain redevelopment of land cleaned by the Army and available for new developers to create good and lasting jobs.**

Project Name

Defense Support for Civil Authorities for Key Resource Protection – South Central, PA

Amount Requested

\$3 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

L. Robert Kimball & Associates
615 West Highland Avenue
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA) for Key Resource Protection – South Central, PA project is part of efforts led by U.S. Army ARDEC at Picatinny, New Jersey combing and harmonizing a number of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security programs under the umbrella of Project National Shield (PNS). The National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) mandates a coordinated approach to Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) protection roles and responsibilities for federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector security partners. The ability to sense, detect and respond to threats to CIKR will require regional communication and information sharing capabilities. The fundamental geospatial data needed to manage CIKR risk and establish the framework for assessing consequences, vulnerability, and threat information is available in jurisdictions across the country. Not available, however, are Enterprise Geographic Information Systems (EGIS) that span political jurisdictions, regions or states and can produce the comprehensive, systematic, and rational assessment of national or sector risk. South Central Pennsylvania houses a major freight transportation hub (CSX railway) and Army weapons depot (Letterkenny) within miles of each other. This proposal will establish EGIS in South Central PA to advance NIPP objectives. Response-specific intelligence will provide emergency responders and homeland defense personnel with essential situational awareness information required to protect critical infrastructure. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it meets a critical Army need to improve Homeland Defense and Civil Support missions while also providing enhanced capabilities to local constituencies in the communications and networking side of emergency response. Specifically, the program represents the actual full deployment of a critical network that will allow local Emergency Management personnel and first responders to communicate as well as provide for a tie in to the Army's Emergency Operations Center at Picatinny Arsenal.

Project Name

Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance

Amount Requested

\$300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance
14 North Main Street
Franklin County, PA
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance is a coalition of police, fire, and EMS providers focused on interoperability solutions for local public safety units. Funding for this project would be used to purchase and upgrade equipment for first responders in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses communications problems between public safety entities by upgrading technology and equipment. Franklin County is home to a major freight transportation hub (CSX railway) and Army weapons depot (Letterkenny) within miles of each other. Franklin County first responders also play a "back-fill" role to the nearby major metropolitan areas of Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, and Harrisburg, PA.

General Information

Project name: Grindstone Hill Road Phase II Extension Project

Amount of funding requested: \$6,637,202

Entity to receive funding: Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

Street address of entity to receive funding: 10655 Antrim Church Road
Greencastle, PA 17225

Location of the project: Between SR0011 / I-81 Exit 3, north to Leitersburg Road, Antrim Township

- County: Franklin County
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
Approximately 13000 Molly Pitcher Highway, Greencastle, PA (Antrim Township)

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): This project is part of the Greencastle-Antrim Regional Comprehensive Plan to extend the present Grindstone Hill Road an additional 1.7 miles connecting Leitersburg Road to Pa. State Route 11 at Interstate-81's Interchange 3. This area has been designated as a prime location for economic development and has been zoned accordingly by Antrim Township. This road would also allow for a connection between I-81's Interchanges 3 and 5 when the Interstate may be closed due to an emergency.

The success of this economic development project is contingent on providing ample water and sewer infrastructure as well as development and construction of necessary road infrastructures. This request addresses the water, sewer, and highway needs for economic growth to diversify our real-estate tax base.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The project's size is beyond the ability for the 12,500 citizens of Antrim Township to solely fund at a local tax base level. In 2001, Antrim Township funded the first phase of this connector road at a cost to the local taxpayers of over \$1.5 million dollars to construct the first 5,300 feet of roadway. Therefore, given the economic development potential, the completion of this local/ Federal funding partnership would allow the project to be completed at an accelerated pace with additional tax generation being realized for the Greencastle-Antrim School District, municipal (Antrim Township and Franklin County), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Federal level.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): Current zoning would allow for Highway Commercial, Community Commercial, Light Industrial (technology), and Professional facilities along Interstate-81 with a daily traffic count that exceeds 50,000 vehicles. Such a project would bring thousands of employment opportunities to this location with services to support the men and women that live and / or work here or reside within the four state area that find the travel time to southern Franklin County to be a short commute.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): The local Greencastle Antrim Area Development Corporation has been engaged in negotiations with several Light Industrial Employers in regards to building facilities on a portion of the property that would be served by the new Grindstone Hill Road and the aforementioned utilities. These employers

have committed to locating within this development if the necessary infrastructure improvements are made in the near future. If the aforementioned infrastructure improvements are realized, access to 435 acres that are zoned exclusively for economic development would be made available. This location is estimated to provide in excess of 3,000 jobs that would employ people from the four states located within 30 minutes of these Interstate 81 interchanges. We believe that Federal funding is justified due to the fact that thousands of jobs will be realized from the development of this site that will employ federal taxpayers from the four states located in close proximity to the site. Funding can also be justified by the fact that this site is easily accessible from both a major North/South Federal Interstate Route (I81) and a major East/West Federal Interstate Route (I70).

Project Name

Improvements to I-81, Franklin County, PA

Amount Requested

\$1,500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Township of Antrim
10655 Antrim Church Road
Greencastle, PA 17225

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project will be used for improvements to Interstate 81 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. These upgrades will address existing traffic movement deficiencies and create capacity for planned economic development. Franklin County is one of the fastest growing counties along the eastern corridor. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to economic development while also improving safety and relieving congestion on the Interstate.

General Information

Project name: Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Heritage & Discovery Center

Amount of funding requested: \$55,194.00

Entity to receive funding: Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association

**Street address of entity to receive funding: 101 Pine Grove Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222**

Location of the project:

- **County: Franklin**
- **Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

This Federal assistance will assist the Heritage & Discovery Center in completing the second stage of its mission to the public. For the past ten years the Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association has laid the groundwork for this Center, finally inaugurated with a lease-signing between us and the PA Bureau of Parks last October. Current renovations allow opening of the facility to the public in summer 2009. This proposal will specifically upgrade the museum's presentation of exhibits to the public for year two. Components include refurbishing a vintage piece of fire-fighting equipment, installing displays, and renovating the Center's roof. Also included in this proposal are some operating costs.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association has tapped a number of private and public resources to develop and present the Heritage & Discovery Center which we believe will become one of America's top attractions in this area of interest given Pennsylvania's involvement in the development of modern American Forestry such as the initiation of the U.S. Forest Service. These resources have been sufficient to establish the Center initially. Additional Federal assistance is needed to build on the Center's first year for 2010 programs. These require expenditures in the Federal Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This Federal support promotes economic development in two ways. First, the Heritage and Discovery Center is a tourist destination in South Central Pennsylvania that adds to the interest generated in the region by the Civil War attractions in Gettysburg, the National Fire Fighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum located in Harrisburg, PA. More people mean more general economic activity.

Second, the nature of this effort attracts like-interested tourists e.g. those with an interest in fire-fighting, forestry, and those with family members having a direct tie to fire-fighting and the development of modern forestry.

We envision one full-time position, two part-time positions created along with employment for ten-15 trades people employed by contractors.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The rationale for Federal support is that the mission of this facility furthers Federal objectives of promoting fire safety in wooded areas as well as celebrating the joint Federal-state partnership in pursuit of this objective.

General Information

Project name: Request for Veterinary Equipment to Enhance Local & Regional Education and Animal Care

Amount of funding requested: \$154,400

Entity to receive funding: Wilson College

Street address of entity to receive funding: 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Location of the project:

- County: Franklin
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): Same as above.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Wilson College requests funding to support specialized equipment, which will facilitate important student educational and research experiences in Veterinary Medical Technology, in a LEED-certified science education facility on Wilson College's campus. The requested veterinary equipment includes endoscopic systems for large and small animals, digital radiology equipment, and laser surgical equipment. The College, which has partnership with several local animal shelters, will provide services, provided by undergraduate students and using the new equipment, for shelter animals free of charge. Therefore, the availability of this equipment will enhance the quality of diagnosis and treatment available for animals in our community and region.

The requested equipment is one component of the overall renovation and expansion of our Complex for Science, Mathematics and Technology, which will be the 84th LEED-certified building in the Commonwealth and the first in Franklin County. This facility is a \$25 million project that includes a complete renovation of the existing 51,000 square foot facility and the construction of a 25,000 square foot, two-story addition to house the main teaching laboratories for biology and chemistry. The design not only ensures environmental sustainability; it also translates into long-term financial advantages through significant energy savings.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The requested equipment will allow Wilson College to train students in veterinary medicine and provide important outreach to several local and regional animal shelters free of charge. Since the turn of the century, extensive changes have occurred in veterinary medicine. Historically, a large number of

veterinarians were employed in at least some aspect of large animal medicine. Today, however, less than 18% of veterinarians have chosen to work full-time in this specialized field of veterinary medicine. It is estimated that the shortage of individuals interested in large animal veterinary medicine will become even more critical in the foreseeable future. Such shortages will vastly affect the quality of our large animal health care system and potentially have negative impacts on our nation's food supply.

It is vitally important that this issue be addressed now rather than when this shortage of large animal care reaches critical proportions. In our most recent reaccreditation visit from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), one suggestion for improvement of our Veterinary Medical Technology (VMT) program was to increase the amount of large animal exposure for our students. The addition of endoscopy, digital radiology, and laser surgery capabilities will greatly help to improve the preparedness of our students for their future careers. Students will gain more hands-on experience with these types of animals through the use of the new equipment. Once such interest is stimulated, we anticipate that a number of our students will choose a vocation as a member of a large animal veterinary team. This will help to alleviate, in part, some of the shortage in this area of veterinary medicine for our community and region, thus, providing improved quality care of large animals.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The requested pieces of equipment will be used to serve local animal shelters, including Antietam Humane Society in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, which are working in partnership with Wilson College. Given that these shelters are non-profits, they do not have sufficient funding available for endoscopic or radiology procedures, nor are they able to incur the cost of laser surgical procedures for their animals. Wilson College will offer these services, provided by the students working under the guidance of Wilson faculty, with no cost to either shelter.

Endoscopy, digital radiology, and laser surgery are new additions to the field of veterinary medicine. Each of these procedures will greatly enhance the ability of the veterinary team to determine and/or treat the causes of illness more efficiently. The precision of these instruments will help to enhance the quality of life for the animals. Laser surgery offers several other distinct advantages to the surgical arena. A number of surgical procedures require little or no suturing, thus, permitting the animal to regain normal activities within a shorter period of time. Post surgical pain, infection, swelling, and recovery time are all greatly diminished with laser surgery. In addition, less anesthesia is needed for a surgical procedure with laser equipment. All of these advantages allow the animal to be returned to the shelter more quickly, hopefully providing the animal with a quicker adoption into a new home.

In addition to offering these services to the local humane society animals, local veterinarians would also be permitted to bring their clients' pets in to the College. They would work through the program's students to set up an appointment for the use of our equipment as well as utilize our students to help with the diagnostic procedures. Such procedures would serve both local veterinary practices and our students resulting in a symbiotic relationship between the College and the local veterinary community.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Wilson College's request for support for scientific equipment will facilitate important hands-on educational experiences for students in Veterinary Medical Technology in a LEED-certified science education facility on Wilson College's campus. The proposed equipment request will: a) greatly enhance classroom and hands-on animal care experiences for undergraduate students; b) support comprehensive training, education, and career preparation for underrepresented populations, specifically women, in the science-related fields; and c) assist in providing funding for a project that is both environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

The requested funding will allow Wilson College to:

- Through the training of students in techniques specialized for large animal care, enhance and support food animal production activities in the local and regional communities;
- Provide key services for high-need animals in non-profit shelters in local and regional communities;
- Allow access to current scientific equipment, ensuring that students are well prepared for the future roles in veterinary medicine, non-profits, education, and other professions;
- Facilitate effective student instruction and research involving the requested equipment; and
- Garner additional support for the first LEED-certified facility in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

General Information

Project name: *Tuscarora Community and School Outdoor Wellness Complex*

Amount of funding requested: \$593,750

Entity to receive funding: Tuscarora School District

Street address of entity to receive funding: 118 E. Seminary Street, Mercersburg, PA 17236

Location of the project:

- County: Franklin

Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

4773 Fort Loudon Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Tuscarora Community and School Outdoor Wellness Complex will provide a variety of venues for the 20,000 residents of the Tuscarora Community to participate in outdoor wellness and recreational activities. Areas that will be available for public use include an all-weather track, an environmental and fitness trail, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, as well as renovated baseball and softball fields. There is currently no such public facility in rural western Franklin County.

All residents from young children to senior citizens will be invited to use these facilities. The track, fields and tennis courts will provide excellent places for all generations to improve physical fitness. An environmental and fitness trail which is designed around the existing Tuscarora Wildlife Education Program Building will invite folks on nature walks with their children and grandchildren. In addition, new toilet facilities and concessions stands will provide convenience for those who utilize these areas. The budget includes funds for necessary paving, lighting, signage, walkways, gates, and parking.

The improvements requested will be located on Tuscarora School District property. The District provides the vast majority of outdoor fitness and wellness opportunities for all area residents. TSD plans to make these venues available for widespread community use.

**Tuscarora Community & School Outdoor Wellness Complex
Appropriations**

	<u>LABOR</u>	<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
New Concession Building	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 75,000
New Toilet Facilities	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 75,000
New All-Weather Track	\$ 345,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 575,000
Reconstruct Tennis Courts	\$ 129,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 215,000
New Outdoor Basketball Court	\$ 19,200	\$ 12,800	\$ 32,000
New Backstop for Baseball Field	\$ 2,700	\$ 10,800	\$ 13,500
New Softball Field Fence and Warning Track	\$ 4,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 15,000
Additional Site Lighting	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 37,000
Construction of Environmental and Fitness Trail (1 mile, 4'0" wide, paved)	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000
Safety and drainage improvements to exterior grass and field areas	\$ 17,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 25,000
General improvements at Track (fencing, walks, gates, signage, parking)	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000
			\$
TOTAL	\$ 651,400	\$ 536,100	\$ 1,187,500

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount): **NO**

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Tuscarora School District is economically challenged due to a rural tax base characterized by primarily farms and residential structures. There is a notable absence of business and industry to financially support school and community wellness projects. Although the school district serves nearly 3000 students through cyber and traditional enrollments, there is no community YMCA or fitness center to meet the wellness needs of these students or other residents of the broader Tuscarora Community. District taxpayers have demonstrated a willingness to financially contribute to district/community initiatives as evidenced by the high tax effort in the District. Tuscarora taxpayers are quick to remind the public sector that they pay the highest school taxes in Franklin County.

Further, many residents have come forward to lead/support a capital campaign which will raise funds to move forward a fitness and wellness initiative. They have committed themselves to partner with the school district in guaranteeing a dollar for dollar match should this application for federal funds be granted.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This project will employ a number of local construction companies to perform the work needed to complete the project. These construction companies will vary in nature due to the different disciplines involved and the crafts needed throughout the course of the project. We will also need the expertise of local architectural and engineering firms to design and oversee the project. Another aspect of the project is that we will be looking at some green initiatives which could employ some newly formed businesses in this relatively new field of expertise. The costs of the project will also flow down to the manufacturers of the products which we will be purchasing for installation during the project which will also vary in nature. Following construction, it will require us to upkeep the facilities which will mean additional work and possible new jobs within the district plus additional maintenance needs which will be fulfilled by employing local companies in our area.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, today's *federal* manager knows that the "healthier the work force, the more productive the work place." *Local* managers are well aware of this fact. In fact, the many benefits of good health extend to people of all ages, from young children, to students, working adults, and senior citizens. Development of a school and community outdoor fitness program is consistent with the mission of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Completion of this project will help community leaders establish and maintain wellness programs that will ensure a healthy and productive citizenry. Wellness and health promotion provides numerous benefits to employees that ultimately result in reduced absenteeism and health care costs, as well as greater job satisfaction, improved morale, and increased efficiency. Importantly, the project will provide a wide range of wellness programming and support that will invite all residents to enjoy the improved quality of life associated with a healthier lifestyle. As a result, we may reduce health care costs, including those paid by the federal Medicaid and Medicare programs, associated with illnesses that stem from poor dietary habits, sedentary living, and obesity.

General Information

Project name: **BELFAST TOWNSHIP – VILLAGE OF NEEDMORE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Amount of funding requested: **\$1,000,000**

Entity to receive funding: **COUNTY OF FULTON**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **116 WEST MARKET STREET
MCCONNELLSBURG PA 17233**

Location of the project:

- County: **FULTON**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
NEEDMORE, BELFAST TOWNSHIP, FULTON COUNTY, PA

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Village of Needmore is located at the junction of State Route 655 and 522. Approximately 63% of the homes within this Village have either confirmed or potential malfunctioning sewer systems. The proposed system would collect the wastewater from all 80 structures through a gravity collection system that conveys the sewage to one or two common pumping stations. The sewage is then pumped from the pumping stations to the treatment facility through force mains. The facility will consist of in-ground concrete digestion that treats the sewage through aerobic digestion, which is facilitated by diffusing fine bubbles of air through the wastewater. Following this process, the treated wastewater is clarified and disinfected prior to being discharged into the stream. This process has been successfully used for numerous other community for many years, is simple to operate, and requires minimal maintenance. This system will effectively meet the discharge limits that have been set by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

In order to make the monthly user fee affordable to the residents, the municipality must secure grant funding to assist with the majority of the capitol construction costs. Residents of this service area are considered 52% low to moderate income status. Numerous residents are also considered to be elderly and on limited, fixed incomes.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

With the Village of Needmore currently utilizing a public/private water system, the construction of a much needed wastewater treatment facility could be beneficial to additional residents and/or commercial businesses, especially considering there is currently no zoning ordinances adopted within this municipality.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Federal funding will be utilized towards the construction costs of this project in order to lower the monthly user rate. Consideration of this service area calculating to 52% low to moderate income status and fixed incomes.

General Information

Project name: **COUNTY OF FULTON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY UP-
GRADES PROJECT**

Amount of funding requested: **\$600,000**

Entity to receive funding: **COUNTY OF FULTON**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **116 WEST MARKET STREET
MCCONNELLSBURG PA 17233**

Location of the project:

- County: **FULTON**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): **SAME**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Renovations to take place at the County-owned facilities (Court House, Jail, etc.) in order to replace inefficient air conditioning units, doors, and windows as well as the installation of a geothermal system to eliminate the usage of fossil fuel powered heating sources. The second component will involve the repairing and upgrading sidewalks and walkways, thus creating a safer environment and pleasing aesthetics throughout the campus area.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The need for federal support is to lessen the amount of expense for this project to keep from raising taxes for the residents of Fulton County.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The project will benefit the County-owned facilities by eliminating the need for fossil fuel powered equipment and utilizing the same heating source. All areas will be zoned as needed and will eliminate the unnecessary use of heating resources.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The need for federal support is to lessen the amount of expense for this project to keep from raising taxes for the residents of Fulton County.

Project Name

Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV)

Amount Requested

\$3.4 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

JLG Industries

1 JLG Drive

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The purpose of the Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV) program is to satisfy the operational need of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps by providing a commercial off the shelf (COTS), mobile, Engine/Propeller Installation and Removal System, with the capability of safely installing and removing the T56 engine and/or T56 propeller on and from P-3, C-2, E-2 and C-130 aircraft. Installation and removal of the T56 engine and propeller onto the respective aircraft requires relatively fine lateral and horizontal adjustments in order to be executed properly. To accomplish this, the Navy is requiring a commercially available, mobile, Engine/Propeller Installation and Removal System, for procurement. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because procurement of the system will decrease damage to the engine/prop and the airframe, thereby decreasing downtime and increasing operational readiness. The Navy is currently removing and replacing aircraft engines with an unsafe combination of manual tri-pod hoists, scaffolding, and industrial forklifts. The EIRV was chosen to reduce damage to equipment, injuries to workers and increase efficiencies. The Navy requires funding to procure 25 additional EIRVs to meet current operational requirements.

General Information

Project name: **JLG DRIVE/ROUTE 16 TURNING LANE PROJECT**

Amount of funding requested: **\$80,000**

Entity to receive funding: **COUNTY OF FULTON**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **116 WEST MARKET STREET
MCCONNELLSBURG PA 17233**

Location of the project:

- County: **FULTON**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
 - **Buchanan Trail, McConnellsburg, Ayr Township, Fulton County, PA**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The project location is at the intersections of SR 16 (Buchanan Trail) and JLG Drive in Ayr Township, Fulton County. This intersection is the main entrance for JLG Corporate Headquarters and the extensive manufacturing facility in Ayr Township. The project will support the JLG Industries Complex and the Fulton County Business Park located adjacent to the main JLG facility through the plant's south entrance onto JLG Drive that extends through the Fulton Business Park and exits at the US 522 intersection. The scope of the project includes construction of left and right-turn lanes on SR 16 for 1,045 feet (0.20 mile) capable of supporting a WB 67 design vehicle. Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on SR 16 at the intersection is 3,478 vehicles. Construction of the intersection improvement can be completed in FY 2010.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

THE NEED FOR FEDERAL SUPPORT IS TO PROVIDE A SAFETY ENHANCEMENT THAT WILL LIMIT TRAFFIC CONGESTION TO ROUTE 16 BY THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES (JLG INDUSTRIES, DCNR – BUREAU OF FORESTRY, ETC.) IN ORDER TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE NUMEROUS RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WITHIN THIS SITE VICINITY.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

THIS PROJECT IS CONSIDERED A SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT THAT WILL LIMIT TRAFFIC CONGESTION TO ROUTE 16 BY THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE NUMEROUS RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WITHIN THIS VICINITY.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

A FEDERAL EARMARK (\$500,000) HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED TO JLG INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS APPLACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) FUNDING

(\$200,000) ALONG WITH LOCAL FUNDING (JLG INDUSTRIES - \$52,000; AYR TOWNSHIP - \$30,000; AND THE COUNTY OF FULTON - \$218,000).

General Information

Project name: **MCCONNELLSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – MOUNTAIN VIEW SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Amount of funding requested: **\$225,000**

Entity to receive funding: **COUNTY OF FULTON**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **116 WEST MARKET STREET
MCCONNELLSBURG PA 17233**

Location of the project:

- County: **FULTON**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
 - **RESERVOIR ROAD, TODD TOWNSHIP, MCCONNELLSBURG, PA**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Prior to a heavily attended public event, the Fulton County Fair Grounds volunteers found fresh sewage on top of the ground. With water still turned off to the restrooms on the fairgrounds, it was known that the sewage had to be coming onto the ground from another location. With some investigation, it was found that the Mountain View Mobile Home Park was hooked onto the same private, aging 6" terracotta line running through the fair grounds and has broken and is not sufficient for the residential and commercial units connected to this line. The Fulton County Fair Grounds is an exhibit and showcase for agricultural commodities and livestock produced in our region. This is a non-profit educational association that is operated on a very low income budget relying heavily on volunteer workforce, donated materials and funding when available. The purpose of this project is to replace the main line within the Mountain View Mobile Home Park and construct a new main line, increased to minimal 8" line, and install in an alternative location in order to incorporate additional commercial buildings within the fair grounds as well as additional residential units. This line is currently administered by the McConnellsburg Municipal Authority.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

With the Fulton County Fair Grounds being utilized as non-profit educational association as well as this project being considered a health and well-being type project, federal funds are necessary in order to complete such project and prevent from contamination of drinking water, etc.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The project will support economic development by providing a location for education, etc. an events as well as the community working together to make events successful.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

With the Fulton County Fair Grounds being utilized as non-profit educational association as well as this project being considered a health and well-being type project, federal funds are necessary in order to complete such project and prevent from contamination of drinking water, etc. .

Project Name

Millennia Military Vehicle / Extendable Boom Fork Lift (MMV / EBFL)

Amount Requested

\$6 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

JLG Industries

1 JLG Drive

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The Marine Corps has a requirement for an additional 50 Millennia Military Vehicles / Expandable Boom Fork Lift (MMV/EBFL). The Marine Corps does not plan to update its current telehandler fleet until 2011, thus producing an unfunded requirement for the Marine Corps. The MMV program is a four year procurement effort by the U.S. Marine Corps to procure reconfigured MMV's to fulfill their advanced lifting requirements in handling material containers in rapid deployment construction and reconstruction. The MMV is an 11,000 pound rough terrain, self-deployable in rough terrain, manually operated forklift capable of operating efficiently in a nuclear, biological and chemical environments. The MMV is capable of unloading containers located on the ground as well as on trailers. It is fully air transportable in C-130, C-17 and C-5A aircraft, fordable to 30" of water, and operable in all weather and night conditions. Offering innovations in safety, performance, maintainability at a substantial cost reduction, the MMV lifter's new technology sets the MMV far above current models used by the U.S. Marine Corps today. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Marine Corps requires funding to procure an additional 50 MMV units to meet current operational requirements.

**FEDERAL DRIVE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PHASE I, PHASE II, AND PHASE III)**

Amount of funding requested: **\$275,000.00**

Entity to receive funding: **Borough Of Mount Union**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **Mount Union Borough Municipal Building
9 West Market Street
P. O. Box 90
Mount Union, PA 17066-0090**

Location of the project:

- **County:** **Huntingdon County**
- **Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):**

Federal Drive is an officially accepted and dedicated Borough street that is 0.32 of a mile or approximately 1,690 feet long. It generally extends in a northwesterly direction from Wrangletown Road (TR 394) also known as Ridge Road toward the office of the Housing Authority Of The County Of Huntingdon; circles around behind said office; and then heads in a southeasterly direction to its end at East Shirley Street (SR 2025), just west of Wrangletown Road. Federal Drive is located entirely within the easternmost part of the Borough Of Mount Union.

Federal Drive is in extremely deteriorated condition partly due to its age (different parts constructed at various times in the 1950's and the 1970's) and mostly due to an inadequate storm water drainage system. The road has not undergone major reconstructions since it was initially built. The road shows characteristics of substandard base and base failure as evidenced by alligator cracks along its length. It is cracked and pockmarked with potholes, cold asphalt patches, and poor trench restorations. It is unsafe for pedestrian travel; hard on and physically damaging to the suspensions of cars and trucks; and difficult, if not impossible, on which to ride bicycles. Mount Union Borough Police Officers have also advised the Borough Office many times that they feel the existing condition of Federal Drive makes it unsafe for vehicle or foot pursuits. Federal Drive's design does not meet today's construction standards for depth and base, another significant contributing factor to its severely deteriorated condition.

Mount Union Borough has maintained Federal Drive the best that it could over the years by patching potholes and cracks with cold-patch material and by plowing and salting Federal Drive during winter. While the Borough continues this basic maintenance, Federal Drive is now past the point of simple repairs and maintenance. The Borough's public works employees are currently (March 2009) rebuilding a collapsed storm sewer inlet along the upper portion of Federal Drive.

Another contributing factor to the deterioration of the road surface is litter that clogs the under-sized inlets along the upper portion of Federal Drive. It has caused the existing storm water drainage problem to become more severe. Mount Union Borough lacks sufficient public works employees to regularly clean these and other storm sewer inlets throughout the entire Borough.

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

It is the professional opinion of the Borough Of Mount Union and its municipal engineering firm that Federal Drive requires major reconstruction (including reconstruction of the road base) and major storm water drainage improvements. The proposed project will undertake major improvements along entire length of Federal Drive. It will involve complete replacement of several malfunctioning, substandard, and severely under-sized storm sewer inlets; first-time installation of perforated pipes (drainage tiles) along the edges of Federal Drive where no such facilities currently exist to better direct and guide the storm water to the storm sewer inlets and pipes; milling and removal of the existing road surface to achieve a proper crown and positive drainage flow; and installation of proper base, binder course, and wearing course.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

In the 1950's and 1960's, Mount Union Borough population was at its highest with between 7,000 and 10,000 persons living in the Borough. The current population is approximately 2,600 persons and has decreased significantly during the last thirty years. It continues to do so as residents grow older and younger persons move away due to a lack of economic opportunities. This trend is expected to continue. Huntingdon County Planning Commission projects an additional thirty percent (30.00%) population decrease for the Borough by 2035. In the 1950's and 1960's, there were many major employers located in the Borough including three brick manufacturers, two sewing factories, a wooden railroad tie creosoting plant, and a masonry block plant. These employers closed and were replaced by smaller companies paying reduced wages. Thus, the Borough's tax base has declined for both property and local earned income taxes having a negative effect on the Borough's overall financial and budgetary resources.

Population decline and the exodus of large employers are several major factors causing significant financial limitations for the Borough Of Mount Union in its General Fund Budget, which prevent the Borough from undertaking this project on its own without significant outside financial assistance from grants or other sources of funding. The Borough also receives a small annual allocation of Liquid Fuels Funds from the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania to maintain streets and alleys. Both budgets (General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund) are insufficient to undertake a project of this magnitude. The chart below delineates Mount Union Borough's officially adopted General Fund Budgets and the Liquid Fuels Fund Budgets for the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 fiscal years.

**BUDGET COMPARISON SUMMARY CHART SHOWING
GENERAL FUND AND LIQUID FUELS FUND BUDGETS
FOR THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT UNION
FOR THE 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, AND 2009 FISCAL YEARS**

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	TOTAL LIQUID FUELS FUND BUDGET
2005	\$ 612,282.00	\$ 52,400.00
2006	\$ 641,193.00	\$ 55,825.00
2007	\$ 685,270.00	\$ 61,698.00
2008	\$ 715,685.00	\$ 68,871.00
2009	\$ 739,415.00	\$ 65,944.00
AVERAGE	\$ 678,769.00	\$ 60,948.00

Estimated construction costs (\$361,840.00) alone would consume approximately 53.31% of the Borough Of Mount Union's average annual General Fund Budget (\$678,769.00) for the five-year period from 2005 through 2009. If the Liquid Fuels Fund were used, it would require the total allocation of the Borough's entire average annual allocation of said funds for the same five-year period (2005 through 2009) for **at least six years** to cover the estimated construction costs of the entire project. If Mount Union Borough Council adopted either funding approach to complete this project, it would exclude and ignore all other pressing public works needs and projects within the Borough. These figures **do not include** the estimated additional \$48,500.00 in engineering, design, and inspection costs. For the Borough to expend this percentage of funds on one project

benefiting such a small area of the Borough is neither politically feasible nor fair to the rest of the residents of the Borough. Because of the Borough's economically depressed condition and due to the fact that the property tax millage rate is almost at its maximum legal limit, a significant majority of Mount Union Borough Council Members has previously indicated that they will not vote to raise property, income, or other taxes nor vote to incur any long-term debt to fund this or other needed infrastructure projects within the Borough.

Finally, the current severely deteriorated and/or malfunctioning conditions of the road surface and storm sewers of Federal Drive are clearly unsafe. Please refer to the attached copy of Mount Union Borough's 2007-2008 Huntingdon County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funding Request Application for the Federal Drive Storm Sewer Improvements And Street Reconstruction Project (Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III) for additional documentation and details on the physical conditions of Federal Drive and the physical, financial, and political need for this project (including maps, photographs, charts, complaint letters, support letters, and other related information).

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and/or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words)?

This project may or may not create any new permanent long-term jobs. However, during its fairly short construction period, it should create additional short-term bidding opportunities for local and regional contractors that would not otherwise exist without the project. New bidding opportunities on this and other infrastructure improvement projects should enable local and regional contractors to keep their employees working on a more regular basis without additional lay-offs. They may also enable contractors to expand their workforces by hiring temporary employees to supplement their full-time permanent employees in completing a project such as the Federal Drive Storm Sewer Improvements And Street Reconstruction Project (Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III).

The five (5) major short term and long term benefits, impacts, or results that the Borough will achieve through completion of the project are as listed below and on the next page:

1. Provide a re-profiled cartway and vastly improved storm water drainage system (storm sewers) to remove standing water from the road surface. This will significantly slow down future wear and tear to the surface caused to harmful water conditions.
2. Provide a smooth cartway that will increase the safety of Chestnut Terrace residents; Housing Authority employees, visitors, and vendors; and Mount Union Borough's employees and police officers alike.
3. Enhance vehicular and pedestrian traffic and safety and permit recreational use of the street by bicycles.
4. Significantly limit the negative impact of the road surface on vehicle suspension systems. Mount Union Borough Police have noted the poor conditions of Federal Drive and the difficulty of traversing the road in internal memos several times during the last five plus years.
5. Finally, the improvements when completed will remove a major deficiency from the annual housing quality inspection report for this federal housing complex. The Housing Authority Of The County Of Huntingdon has sent several complaint letters to

the Borough Of Mount Union about the existing conditions of Federal Drive since 2003 and concerning the negative impact that said conditions have on its annual inspections and performance ratings.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Federal Drive primarily and directly serves mostly the residents of Chestnut Terrace (a 111-unit federally subsidized housing complex) and the employees of the Housing Authority Of The County Of Huntingdon (a semi-autonomous Huntingdon County agency). It is unlikely that this road would have been constructed if the housing complex did not exist. **Based on and because of this factor, Mount Union Borough Council believes that both the Federal and County governments have a shared responsibility to participate and to provide dedicated funding and financial assistance to complete these planned infrastructure improvements.**

General Information

Project name:

High Speed Internet Expansion in Rural PA

Amount of funding requested:

\$300,000

Entity to receive funding:

Raystown Wireless, Inc

Street address of entity to receive funding:

4862 Twin Pines Lane

Hesston, PA 16647

Location of the project:

- County: **Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford, and Fulton**

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

We service residential, home-based small businesses, farmers, non-profits, and other commercial customers so they can be more efficient and competitive in today's society. Also, since tourism is our 2nd largest industry and the Raystown Lake Region is known for outdoor recreation, we have several hot spots on Raystown Lake for visitors in the area to stay connected to their businesses and families at home.

Our company has been in operation for over 4 years and funded privately. Our customer base includes areas in Huntingdon, Blair, Fulton, and Bedford counties. At this time we need public resources and partnerships with utility and cellular companies. The result will be an expanded network designed to meet the needs of our rural community.

Our goal is to provide high speed Internet with affordable ranges in areas that do not fall under the radar screen of larger broadband companies. We do realize it is not feasible for the larger companies to do what we can on a smaller scale because it is not cost effective for them, but unfortunately part of the rural community suffers because of this.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Raystown Wireless, Inc consists of business leaders from the local community. It was founded on the premise of the need for high speed Internet in their rural areas. Raystown Wireless currently provides service in Bedford, Blair, Fulton, and Huntingdon Counties in South Central PA. We are located in area region served by the Southern Alleghenies Regional Planning and Development Commission based in Altoona. It is our goal to continue to supply high speed internet service to the rural areas mainly where only dial-up speeds are available.

Raystown Wireless, Inc has been in operation for over 4 years. The network has been built with private investment to this point. Our installs are sub-contracted to reliable IT service companies. The

shareholders of Raystown Wireless, Inc work together without salaries to fund this project. This goal was developed from a passion of their own need for high speed Internet in the rural area.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Expansion of our services will help to close the gap of access people get in cities versus what people get in small towns and rural farming areas. The economic impact is based on outcome from improved technology for home based business; advancement in technology for agriculture related businesses and improved efficiencies for small business.

We estimate this project will result in at least 20 new jobs. Types of jobs include: installers, subcontractors, repairman, technicians, tower installers/climbers, sales, customer service, marketing, and administrative. One example of the ripple effect is on computer sales and repair businesses.

We found this news segment and felt that the information would support our request for funding this project.

Adam Paluka reported on January 23, 2008

<http://wearecentralpa.com/content/fulltext/?cid=4892> about Rural Broadband Service.

"STATE COLLEGE, CENTRE COUNTY – A group of Penn State professors want to update the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and they are hoping to have a set of recommendations to give to the President elect in 2009.

"This gap between what kind of access people get in the cities versus what people get in small towns is going to get greater and greater and greater," PSU Distinguished Communications Professor Jorge Schemen.

"The 1934 act made the commitment to have exactly that happen with telephones, and we got a telephone to anybody who wanted a telephone in the United States," Schemen said.

Schemen said that proves the power of legislation, and why an update to the 1996 act is now so important.

Article about the professors: <http://www.ed.psu.edu/crec/rtwg.htm>

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

At this time we need federal funding to expand the services to business and households in the geographic area. This geographic area is established in Pennsylvania but also eventually establish service in Maryland and West Virginia.

General Information

Project name: Huntingdon Borough Wastewater Improvements

Amount of funding requested: \$500,000.00

Entity to receive funding: Huntingdon Borough/Huntingdon Borough Municipal Authority

Street address of entity to receive funding: 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, Pa. 16652

Location of the project:

- County: Huntingdon
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
- Huntingdon Borough Wastewater Treatment Facility, 10477 Snyders Run Rd, (Smithfield Township), Huntingdon. Pa. 16652

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): This is the Borough of Huntingdon's second attempt to secure Appropriations Funding. Since last years application (2008) request (\$18,480,000.00)the projected project cost has increased by 12% (\$20,975,000). The Borough of Huntingdon's wastewater treatment facility serves the Borough and the Townships of Oneida, Smithfield and Walker, all in Huntingdon County, PA. The Borough has been informed that they are considered a Phase One facility and must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Strategy by September 30, 2010. The existing wastewater treatment facility does not have a means of meeting the nitrogen and phosphorus requirements.

In order to meet the goals of the Strategy, plus update necessary and out-of-date equipment, plus provide for a Class A biosolids, a plan has been accepted by DEP that will utilize the existing trickling filters, remove nitrogen and phosphorus using denitrification filters, add a completely new headworks, add new primary clarifiers, connected the 1964 clarigesters to an ATAD system and add UV light disinfection.

Is your request included in the FY 2010 President's Budget (if yes, provide amount): No. A clarification that is forgotten by those in Washington and related urban areas, mandates as the Chesapeake initiative are costly to rural areas, such as central Pennsylvania.

The request for these funds will benefit a wider area than Huntingdon and improve the quality of life to those beyond Huntingdon Borough within the Chesapeake drainage region.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): Huntingdon Borough is required by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative to make improvements to its waste water effluent by 2010. The cost of the project is an unfunded mandate placing the cost of the required improvements on the Borough. The community is proposing to secure loans and other grants to complete the project as required. The only logical means the borough has to secure the necessary funding is to pool all available sources of funds. The used of programs such as the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation will help off set large debit service charges and decrease the number of years the residents and users of the system will have to pay for the improvements.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): Based on figures from the (Huntingdon Borough) Act 537 Special Study Nutrient Removal Alternatives (9 April 2007) including

the municipalities of Oneida, Smithfield, and Walker Townships the system has a consistent household users centering around 17,500 households with the extend user of various businesses and group housing including two correctional facilities with plans for a third. In 2008/09, Huntingdon area depending on the treatment facility a labour force of about 3,100 persons, from an estimated county the labor pool of 17,500.

Huntingdon waste water users include the following major employers:

- ◆ Advanced Glassfiber Yarns employing 460
- ◆ Huntingdon Area School District employing 300
- ◆ Juniata College employing 265
- ◆ J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital employing 263
- ◆ SCI Huntingdon/Smithfield employing 250
- ◆ Walmart employing 231

With out the required improvements firms such as Advanced Glassfiber Yarns may be forced to relocate out of the borough and even out of the State of Pennsylvania or overseas..

Although future job creation is important, the trends of the state not being able to retain jobs is a concern. It is important to be able to retain the existing jobs. The clustering of jobs and the work fore is allowing new jobs to be created.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The reason for requesting the funding is to keep the sewer rates as low as possible. One significant concern is the added burden the sewer rate increases will place on commercial and industrial customers. We are seeking grant funding to reduce the impact to these customers so as not to force them out of the community or out of business. We don't want our sewer project or our sewer rates to be "the straw that broke the camel's back" in this current economic situation. The only definite financing we have in place is the \$10 million bond issue taken out last August (2008). It is a 25 year term as far as paying it off. We have applied to Pennvest and we have applied to the Commonwealth Financing Agency - both applications were for the remaining estimated costs needed - \$10,975,000.00. There is no guarantee we will receive funding from either source. The interest rate on the bond issue is 4.438%. Another point is that the rates have been doubled to finance the cost of the project and that is only the beginning. We will need to continue to raise the rates to meet higher operational costs as a result of the upgrade.

General Information

Project name: Huntingdon Community Center Building Project

Amount of funding requested: \$2,700,000 (If this amount is not achievable, consideration for other amounts (non-expiring or long term) would be appreciated.)

Entity to receive funding: Huntingdon Community Center,

Street address of entity to receive funding: P.O. Box 424, 310 Fifth Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania 16652.

Location of the project:

- **County:** Huntingdon
- **Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):** Fifth and Moore

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Presently, multiple locations, both owned or otherwise under control of the center and facilities owned by others are utilized to provide the popular activities sponsored by the center. The multiple locations pose a problem because of supervision logistics, inadequate parking, and user conflict with other entities. Current space does not meet program needs. Additionally, the current facilities of the Huntingdon Community Center are in need of major repairs and maintenance to include HVAC systems, restroom renovation, spectator seating, building insulation etc. The existing facilities are more than 50 years in age and are experiencing infrastructure related problems that need addressed for the integrity of the structures, the safety of the children and other patrons. The HCC has been exploring the construction of a new, multi-purpose building for many years. Recently, in partnership with Huntingdon Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the HCC has acquired the rights to construct a new facility on lands locally known as the William Smith School site. This facility sits in the heart of Huntingdon Borough. The in-town location and ample room for parking would be very positive factors at this location. A new facility would be envisioned as being ultra efficient, containing space for at least two full size gymnasiums, room for racquet sports, locker rooms, gymnastics area, restroom facilities, etc.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

While the Huntingdon Community Center (HCC) provides a supervised, alcohol and tobacco free environment, without discrimination to the citizens of Huntingdon Borough and surrounding areas, the target focus group are youth. The participating populations present a cross section of the socio-economic class of the surrounding areas. In addition to what would be considered the norm of the socio-economic class, the HCC provides facilities, programs and opportunities designed to provide the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum with alternatives to activities that often, in the longer perspective, impose additional burdens to society such as criminal activities, participation in the judicial system and incarceration. To use an old phrase, *Idle hands are the devil's playground*. Providing these young people with programs and activities direct their energies in more positive avenues.

The education programs offered by HCC are designed to help a student reach academic success. Such programs help improve academic performance, reduce drop-out rates and hopefully employ the concept of the Federal *No Child Left Behind* program.

Lastly, the facility promotes non-sedentary activities and programs. The obesity problem in America is well documented. The HCC provides facilities and programs that encourage persons of all ages and gender to participate in aerobic, strength and skill activities. Studies have shown that an active lifestyle contributes to a lesser need and hence lower costs of individual health care over a person's lifetime.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

This project would provide community economic support through various avenues. First, supplies, materials and jobs (25) related to construction could be expected for the short term (approximately 1 year) and would promote a short economic upturn. The current Huntingdon Community Center programs support 1 full time position (Executive Director) and approximately nine (9) part time positions related to program presentation and facility care. A new center could be expected to increase employment by 25% as new programs are able to be brought on board because of the increased space. Finally, the programs of the Huntingdon Community Center focus on quality of life issues. The quality of life in the Huntingdon County area is enhanced by the existence of the Huntingdon Community Center and its programs. As such, the facility plays a role in the attraction and retention of business and industry.

Mutual Benefit makes its headquarters in the Borough of Huntingdon and AGY retains a manufacturing plant in the Borough limits. The employees of both facilities as well as those of neighboring communities credit the Huntingdon Community Center with making a difference in their lives and the lives of their children.

Project Name

J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Equipment

Request Amount

\$180,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital
1225 Warm Springs Avenue
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used by J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania to purchase equipment to increase patient safety, enhance efficiency, and reduce operational costs. Specifically, funding is expected to be used to implement an Electronic Medical Records system. These technology upgrades will greatly benefit residents of the Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania area. Letter of local support for this project are available upon request. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the use of Electronic Medical Records is a national priority and is necessary to improve service for rural patients.

General Information

Project name: Juniata Valley Elementary School Energy Efficient HVAC Upgrade, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

Amount of funding requested: \$300,000.00

Entity to receive funding: Juniata Valley School District

Street address of entity to receive funding: 7775 Juniata Valley Pike, P. O. Box 318, Alexandria, PA 16611

Location of the project:

- County: Huntingdon
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): n/a

Project Description (maximum of 200 words): Funding will be used to install twenty Acadia cold-weather heat pumps (in eighteen classrooms, one office and the school library) in an existing building, at a cost of \$300,000.00: they employ a new technology which has recently been brought to the district's attention. The school district hopes to showcase a system (heat pump technology with boosted compression) to demonstrate its practicality. In boosted compression, a second, larger compressor is used in series with the primary compressor. The booster compressor continues to pull on the evaporator coil, decreasing the pressures and temperatures within the heat pump system. This yields a vapor cycle that is not only effective, but incredibly efficient. To help maintain operation at low temperatures, a liquid subcooling economizer is implemented to further reduce the temperature of the liquid feeding the metering device. resulting performance of this arrangement is a system that maintains more than 100% of its nominal heating capacity at 0°F at a 2.24 COP, and more than 80% at -15°F at a 2.06 COP. This is compared with conventional heat pump systems that retain less than 40% of nominal heating capacity at 0°F at a 2.5 COP, and less than 25% at -15°F at a 1.8 COP.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words): Federal support is necessary so that this project (and similar projects elsewhere) can get underway and move forward quickly, and thereby play a role in stimulating the nation's economy. Improvements to infrastructure come with high upfront costs, even though in the long run they prove to be cost-effective. Scaling back on energy consumption based on the use of fossil fuels has become a national priority— and nothing short of more federal funding can accelerate that process.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words): The same as with other projects involving infrastructure, this project (together with others) will do much toward helping construction contractors maintain their workforces, and even add to them. In terms of impact: burning coal in order to generate electricity which is put to use heating large buildings is in many ways, wasteful. Heat pump technology, on the other hand, draws heat from the ground, reducing the need for electric power. This project (and projects like it) stimulate the lagging economy, represent investments in the nation's infrastructure, while they cut back on the consumption of coal-generated electric power. They also enable local taxing entities to use more of their funds on direct services (i.e., education), which may hold off some painful increases in millage in the future.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words): Federal support is a key which will enable this rural school district to look outside its yearly budgeting process, while taking advantage of newer technology. Projects like this one which demonstrate the use of alternative heating systems have an impact on decisions about upgrading HVAC systems that similar organizations make. While saving money, at the same time they are advancing the profile of updated technologies regionally, and are helping to move the country in the direction of energy conservation.

Project Name

Raystown Lake, PA

Amount Requested

\$4,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Corps of Engineers, Raystown Lake
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for operations and maintenance at Raystown Lake, operated and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. Raystown Lake, located in the Alleghenies of central Pennsylvania, is the Commonwealth's largest manmade lake and a major driver of the local economy.

Funding for this project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because funding is necessary to offer adequate services, keep recreation areas open, maintain seasonal staffing levels, and provide operate and provide for general maintenance and cleanliness of facilities. Raystown Lake has substantial economic impact in central Pennsylvania and yields a sustainable and justified investment.

General Information

Project name: Adaptive EOD Tactical System

Amount of funding requested: \$3.2 Million

Entity to receive funding: Office of Naval Research (ONR)

Street address of entity to receive funding:

One Liberty Center, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1425, Arlington, VA 22203-1995

Location of the project:

- County: Indiana, PA

- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

1150 Grant Street, Suite 7, Indiana, PA 15701

Requested by: MobilVox, Inc. – 12007 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 310, Reston, VA 20191

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division, the Office of Naval Research and the Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal have identified an urgent requirement to develop a tactical system that will minimize the gap between the operational, support and training joint explosive ordnance disposal (JEOD) communities. The Adaptive EOD Tactical System processes incident data on improvised explosive devices (IEDs), Explosively Formed Penetrators (EFPs), and other explosive ordnance that is captured on the battlefield and identifies areas where the enemy has altered or improved tactics.

The system will enable the Advanced IED School and EOD technicians to incorporate critical curriculum information into instructional materials and develop automated IED scenarios based on current events. This critical information is used to generate Scenario-Based Training (SBT) exercises at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic School and the Advanced IED Disposal (AIEDD) School to keep the warfighter up-to-date and trained. The program has incorporated modifications to the training curriculum and added an important component on how the EOD warfighter utilizes critical decision making during stressful situations and the development of a portable performance measurement tool to easily conduct SBT exercises and to provide meaningful debriefs about mission comprehension, site and procedures selection, approach to the problem and site turnover.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Adaptive EOD Tactical System meets an urgent requirement by the Navy to develop a tactical system that will minimize the gap between the operational, support and training Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal (JEOD) communities. The Navy directed \$3.0 Million through an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration to capture EOD battlefield related incidents overseas into a centralized database. The Adaptive EOD Tactical System was designed to enable

the JEOD community to effectively use this database and incorporate it into training curricula. Congress appropriated \$1.45 Million in FY2007 to sustain the effort by identifying the incident repository of information, compiling the Scenario Based Training (SBT) exercises from the Advanced IED Defeat School and designing the text mining algorithms to be employed for this project. Federal funding is needed to complete the effort and develop the EOD weapons and tactics trend module, perform historic comparative analysis, identification of gaps or shortfalls, integrate the system with the training facilities, and integrate this effort with the JEOD portal. When completed, the system will allow the Advanced EOD training community to use state-of-the-art proven technologies and information to:

- Minimize the gap between classroom and real world battlefield experiences;
- Identify shortfalls in warfighter training or expertise;
- Constantly update training curricula; and
- Reduce unusually high EOD school attrition rates.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

MobilVox currently employs seven software engineers in its office in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Through additional funding the company plans to sustain its employee base and hire three additional professionals. Four employees reside within the 9th District of Pennsylvania. The MobilVox Internship Program with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's (IUP) Computer Science Department has generated six interns since 2004 and its currently seeking an additional two interns. MobilVox has established relationships with local officials to promote Indiana County's economic development and recruit local professionals. Since 2004, MobilVox has actively participated as a sponsor of the Indiana Business Expo, an event hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The company also hosts every year the Indiana Business after Hours at its Indiana location and attends the monthly events hosted at other organization's premises, where professionals from different Indiana based organizations gather to network and discuss new business opportunities within the area. Additionally, MobilVox is a sponsor of the annual Indiana Chamber of Commerce Job Fair, which seeks local software engineering and project managerial talent.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Federal funding is justified for the Adaptive EOD Tactical System because it (1) addresses the critical national security threat posed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs), Explosively Formed Penetrators (EFPs), and other explosive ordnance; (2) addresses the Department of the Navy's urgent requirement to develop a tactical system that will minimize the gap between the operational, support and training joint explosive ordnance disposal (JEOD) communities; and (3) can safeguard the lives of U.S. warfighters and avoid the extraordinary financial and human costs associated with EOD incidents.

Benefit to Department of Defense (maximum of 250 words):

The Adaptive EOD Tactical System will greatly accelerate development and delivery of a computerized system to help train JEOD technicians and warfighters and improve their ability to identify and disarm IEDs, explosive ordnance and other threats. It is anticipated that scattered wars will continue to be fought with IEDs and Explosively Formed Penetrators (EFPs) as the de-facto way of fighting our troops in the future. The Adaptive EOD Tactical System will provide the capability to automatically identify trends in enemy tactics and assist the training community in developing necessary countermeasure procedures that are dynamic and adapt to current situations. Providing AIEDD students with automated training scenarios based on the most current incidents and intelligence will greatly enhance their ability to effectively neutralize these threats when they report for battlefield duty.

Project Name

CenterWorks – Center for Turning and Furniture Design, Indiana, PA

Amount Requested

\$400,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
1011 South Drive
John Sutton Hall, Room 235
Indiana, PA 15705

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for materials and equipment associated with the CenterWorks program. CenterWorks embodies a new model of design and production and production synthesizing traditional and contemporary sensibilities within an academic setting. Specifically, funding would be used for materials and equipment. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it contributes to economic development and academic enrichment.

Project Name

Indiana Regional Medical Center, Equipment

Request Amount

\$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Indiana Regional Medical Center
835 Hospital Road
Indiana, PA 15701

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used by the Indiana Regional Medical Center in Indiana County, Pennsylvania to purchase equipment to increase patient safety, enhance efficiency, and reduce operational costs. Specifically, funding is expected to be used to implement an Electronic Medical Records system. These technology upgrades will greatly benefit residents of the Indiana County, Pennsylvania area.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the use of Electronic Medical Records is a national priority and is necessary to improve service for patients.

Project Name

Indiana Streetscape Project, Indiana, PA

Amount Requested

\$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Borough of Indiana
Municipal Building
80 North Eighth Street
Indiana, PA 15701

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for streetscape improvements in Indiana, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will revitalize key commercial corridor streets and infrastructure and will improve the quality of life for residents and spur economic development.

Project Name

Emergency Communications Tower, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Amount Requested

\$600,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Juniata County Commissioners
26 N. Main Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used to construct an emergency communications tower in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the tower is necessary to provide emergency communications to the residents of Juniata County who currently are not served. Additionally, the tower will serve as a back-up to the county's nearly 30 year old existing communications system which also serves portions of Snyder and Perry County, Pennsylvania.

Project Name

South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program

Amount Requested

\$20,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District
10 South Howard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

The South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program provides design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in South Central Pennsylvania. The program provides the funding necessary for local communities to install basic sewer and water systems and is a key aspect of building and enhancing infrastructure for many rural communities in Pennsylvania. This program was authorized in Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because building and enhancing infrastructure creates jobs and yields a sustainable and justified investment for communities and our country. Additionally, enhancing basic sewer and water systems is vital to protecting the environment and improving the lives of rural citizens.

Project Name

Broad Street Family Health Center, Equipment

Request Amount

\$20,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Spirit Physician Services, Inc.
205 Grandview Avenue
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used by the Broad Street Family Health Center in Marysville, Pennsylvania to purchase equipment. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because funding will be used to provide essential ambulatory cardiac assessment capabilities in rural Perry County, Pennsylvania.

General Information

Project name: Borough of Somerset, PA, Downtown Streetscape Enhancements

Amount of funding requested: \$566,720

Entity to receive funding: Borough of Somerset

Street address of entity to receive funding: P.O. Box 71, 347 West Union Street, Somerset, PA 15501-0071

Location of the project: Borough of Somerset

- County: Somerset
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): Patriot Street, Race Street, S. Center Avenue/E. Church Street, Somerset, PA 15501

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Somerset Hospital is currently undertaking the redevelopment of a four-square-block area within the Borough of Somerset that encompasses the main hospital facility and the surrounding area as a healthcare campus. With the support of the Borough of Somerset, the hospital intends to complete the implementation of an environmentally friendly streetscape design that will create a common ambiance throughout the area, improving the safety of pedestrian traffic and renewing the vitality of this section of the borough.

Since the Borough of Somerset Downtown Streetscape Enhancement project was launched in 2005, approximately \$1 million has been expended on needed sidewalk improvements, curbing construction, pedestrian crosswalk enhancements, and lighting in four separate segments. However, in order to complete the project, streetscape improvements will need to be made to two additional segments of Somerset Hospital's four-square-block healthcare campus, namely to Race Street along the southern campus border and Patriot Street along the northern campus border. Currently, portions of these two streets do not have any sidewalks or lighting, or the condition has deteriorated to the point that they pose a potential pedestrian hazard. A final portion of enhancements at the southeast intersection of South Center Avenue and East Church Street will complete the project.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

As a small, rural community, the Borough of Somerset is faced with significant challenges in promoting downtown revitalization and redevelopment. With 729 employees and an annual payroll of \$23 million, Somerset Hospital is the largest employer in the area making it a critical player in economic development for Somerset County, which currently is experiencing an unemployment rate of 8.1%. The streetscape improvements will complement the Borough of Somerset's Main Street revitalization efforts by helping to build a dedicated healthcare campus, the growth of which will attract more visitors to downtown Somerset while helping to improve the general area and mitigate potential blight. The project will also significantly improve pedestrian safety and flow in and around

the Somerset Hospital healthcare campus and accommodate visitor traffic to the community. This project is essential in order to help leverage and maintain revitalization efforts in the area.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The proposed streetscape enhancements are an important economic development component in supporting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's primary focus to redevelop and revitalize rural downtown communities. The project will contribute to an attractive and aesthetically pleasing healthcare redevelopment project at Somerset Hospital, which is consistent with the Commonwealth's Keystone Principles for Growth. The project promotes the redevelopment of an existing community, enhances existing public infrastructure, and contributes to the further revitalization of downtown Somerset by helping to mitigate conditions of potential blight. This project will not only support the Hospital's 729 jobs, but will also create 12 to 15 temporary construction jobs.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

With an unemployment rate of 8.1%, Somerset County is experiencing considerable economic challenges. As a small, rural community, the Borough of Somerset is faced with significant challenges in promoting downtown revitalization. With 729 employees and an annual payroll of \$23 million, Somerset Hospital is the largest employer in the borough and a critical player in the redevelopment of the downtown. The proposed streetscape enhancements to the hospital's campus redevelopment project will help accommodate the continued growth of the hospital, while providing a safer means for hospital visitors, local school children, and downtown visitors to traverse the area.

In light of the current economic downturn, municipalities and non-profit organizations like Somerset Hospital are severely strapped in undertaking capital improvement and infrastructure projects. Federal funding to support the streetscape project will not only create temporary construction jobs, it will permit the borough and the hospital to continue with the long-term campus redevelopment project aimed at revitalizing an important area of the borough.

Project Name

Communications Tower, Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Amount Requested

\$350,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

County of Somerset
300 North Center Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used to construct a cellular communications tower to provide mobile phone and radio communications possible along the Great Allegheny Passage trail. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the tower would make emergency communications available to law enforcement personnel, rangers, and trail users for critical incidents and emergencies.

Project Name

Flight 93 National Memorial, Public Lands Transportation Needs, Somerset, PA

Amount Requested

\$4,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

National Park Service
109 West Main Street
Suite 104
Somerset, PA 15501

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

In 2002, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who courageously gave their lives to protect their fellow citizens. Funding for this project would be used to pay for the federal share of the infrastructure needs to accomplish Phase 1A and 1B of the project as described and approved in the park's General Management Plan. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a national memorial for all citizens to memorialize and reflect on the tragic event of September 11th and to provide the heroes of Flight 93 with a proper resting place.

Project Name

Flight 93 National Memorial, Somerset, Pennsylvania

Request Amount

\$725,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

National Park Service
109 West Main Street
Suite 104
Somerset, PA 15501

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project would be used for infrastructure needs costs at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Flight 93 National Memorial honors the men and women who gave their lives in the first counterattack of the Global War on Terror to defend the nation's capitol on September 11, 2001.

Project Name

Flight 93 National Memorial, Transportation Improvements, Somerset, PA

Amount Requested

\$3,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

National Park Service
109 West Main Street
Suite 104
Somerset, PA 15501

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

In 2002, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act established the creation of the Flight 93 Memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew who died on September 11th. Funding for this project would be used to for the federal share of the infrastructure needed to accomplish Phase 1A and 1B of the project as described and approved in the park's General Management Plan. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a national memorial for all citizens to memorialize and reflect on the tragic event of September 11th and to provide the brave heroes aboard Flight 93 with a proper resting place.

General Information

Project name: **Meyersdale Medical Center Medical Office Building**

Amount of funding requested: \$800,000

Entity to receive funding: Meyersdale Community Hospital DBA Meyersdale Medical Center

Street address of entity to receive funding: 200 Hospital Drive, Meyersdale, PA 15552

Location of the project:

- County: Somerset
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding): Same

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Physician recruitment has been a priority for Meyersdale Community Hospital for several years. However, as physicians have retired or relocated, the inability to recruit replacements has resulted in the need to close small, older, primary care physician offices in adjacent Grantsville, Maryland and Confluence, Pennsylvania. All primary care physicians in the area are employed by the Conemaugh Health System, as private practice is not attractive. Continued difficulty in recruitment has been linked to inadequate office space. The current location of the largest physician group is an old house.

A modern medical office building designed to accommodate within one location, a larger group of primary care physicians, is critical to adding physicians. Aggregation of physicians in new space adjacent to the hospital would provide a base to allow the physicians to provide extended hours, easier patient access to more clinical services and future electronic medical records – all expectations of physicians today.

Space for visiting specialty physicians and services, including chronic disease management, prevention education and health screening for early detection, would allow care to be provided close to home, especially for the elderly. A climate-controlled connection to Meyersdale Medical Center would allow patients to obtain ancillary services if needed.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

- Failure to provide adequate primary care physician office space will continue to limit physician recruitment success in the Meyersdale area.
- Loss of additional physicians or inability to recruit will be severely detrimental to Meyersdale Medical Center.
- Current operating loss at parent, Conemaugh Health System, limits ability to fund a capital project at this time in Meyersdale.
- Meyersdale Medical Center does not have sufficient reserves or borrowing capacity to fund project

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

- The project will improve ability to maintain and grow the practices of primary care physicians associated with Meyersdale Medical Center.
- Every primary care physician requires 2.5 FTE's of support staff and generates approximately \$400,000 of revenue (including physician income) into the local economy. Loss of a primary care physician would negatively affect the local economy by a similar loss of employment of support staff and practice revenue.
- Primary care physicians utilize hospital services for patient care estimated at \$750,000 per physician. These hospital services, including lab, imaging, physical therapy, etc. provide family sustaining employment opportunities for medical professionals including technologists, physical therapists, etc.
- Preventative primary care can reduce the need for emergency care which is much more expensive.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Access to healthcare has become a critical issue in southern Somerset County, a designated Health Professional Shortage Area as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The existing physician shortage exacerbated by the difficulty in recruiting physicians to rural Pennsylvania has resulted, in critical delays in patients receiving healthcare. Urgent care appointments often cannot be obtained resulting in unnecessary ER visits. Scheduling routine appointments can take weeks or months. A modern medical office building designed to accommodate within one location, a larger group of primary care physicians, is critical to attracting and adding physicians.

Project Name

Shanksville-Stonycreek School District

Request Amount

\$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Shanksville-Stonycreek School District

P.O. Box 128

1325 Cornerstone Road

Shanksville, PA 15560

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Funding for this project provide assistance to the Shanksville-Stonycreek School District in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. On September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 fought back against terrorist hijackers intent on attacking Washington, DC. Because of the bravery of the passengers and crew, instead United Flight 93 crashed in a field in Somerset County. In 2002, Congress established the creation Flight 93 National Memorial through the Flight 93 National Memorial Act (P.L. 107-226) "to commemorate the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capitol." As the process for the memorial moves forward, losses in property tax revenue will place a significant burden on the Shanksville-Stonycreek School District. The community of Shanksville has been extraordinary supportive of the efforts of the Families of Flight 93 and the Park Service. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the patriotic citizens of Shanksville had no control over the events that took place on September 11th, but they have opened their hearts and community to honor the memories of what happened that day. They should in no way be penalized for their patriotism. Funding for this project would provide a one-time payment to recoup lost funding to the school district.

General Information

Project name: Somerset Hospital, PA, Telemetry and Vital Signs Monitoring Systems

Amount of funding requested: \$300,000

Entity to receive funding: Somerset Hospital

Street address of entity to receive funding: 225 South Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

Location of the project:

- County: Somerset
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Somerset Hospital is a nonprofit community hospital providing healthcare services to over 80,000 residents and strives to enhance patient care and safety by upgrading and deploying new medical technologies. We plan to implement a new state-of-the-art telemetry and vital signs monitoring system. This system for our Cardiac “Stepdown” Unit will consist of 32 telemetry transmitters that have the capability to monitor EKG and pulse oximetry of patients and allow patient data collected in various areas of the hospital, to be immediately accessible for review. Funds will also be used to purchase a vital signs monitoring system that will consist of eight bedside monitors, with the capability to monitor EKG, pulse oximetry, respiration, non-invasive and invasive blood pressure, as well as trending data and recording these parameters into hard copies. This system will allow for the future expansion into a “network” of vital signs monitors throughout the hospital that will share patient information between hospital departments. From admission through discharge, these systems will give caregivers confidence in decisions that are backed by a continuous patient record. These systems will allow caregivers to respond to critical situations faster and work more productively, increasing patient safety, enhancing efficiency, and reducing operational costs.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

Hospitals are constantly faced with the challenge of eliminating medical errors and improving the safety of our patients, requiring expensive technology upgrades. Small, rural hospitals are at a severe disadvantage, as the costs of these systems are not proportionate to the size of the hospital.

With more than \$20 million in capital improvements made in the last seven years, Somerset Hospital plays a critical role in the quality of life of the community it serves. Providing healthcare services to over 80,000 local residents, Somerset Hospital continually strives to improve upon the safety and quality of care provided to our patients by upgrading to new technologies and expanding our facilities. Federal funds to help implement Somerset Hospital’s telemetry and vital signs monitoring systems will help leverage and maintain the high quality of healthcare to our patients. This initiative demonstrates the hospital’s leadership in investing in technology that will benefit the entire community by increasing patient safety, enhancing efficiency, and reducing operational costs.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Somerset Hospital is an essential part of the fabric of the Somerset economic and social landscape, treating 5,000 inpatients and over 150,000 outpatients annually and serving a primary market of more than 80,000 county residents. One of Somerset County's top five employers, Somerset Hospital is a major economic catalyst within the region, employing more than 729 residents and providing more than \$23 million in annual compensation. The deployment of a new telemetry and vital signs network will help the hospital stay on the cutting edge of care in supporting Somerset County residents and workers. The proposed system deployment will specifically assist in the retention of 40 jobs within the hospital's telemetry and coronary care units.

Somerset Hospital also supports Pennsylvania's tourism industry by providing necessary care for visitors to such local attractions as Seven Springs Mountain Resort and the Flight 93 Memorial. The investment in advanced monitoring systems for Somerset Hospital's telemetry and coronary care units will benefit the entire community by increasing patient safety, enhancing efficiency, and reducing operational costs.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

At a time when healthcare is of utmost concern among U.S. residents and the deployment of advanced technologies is critical in reducing medical errors and enhancing patient care and safety, Somerset Hospital is in need of an advanced telemetry and vital signs monitoring system. First, the current system is 14 years old, making it difficult to locate replacement parts and to keep the system integrated with new technology. Second, the deployment of advanced telemetry and vital signs systems will give caregivers confidence in decisions that are backed by a continuous patient record. Federal funding to support such a capital request will allow caregivers to respond to critical situations faster and work more productively, thereby increasing overall patient safety and efficiency of care and reducing operational costs. Federal funding is also justified in advancing the goal of providing access to the highest quality of care within a predominantly rural county.

General Information

Project name: Somerset Oncology Center Patient Navigator Program

Amount of funding requested: \$12,000

Entity to receive funding: Allegheny General Hospital

Street address of entity to receive funding: 320 East North Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Location of the project:

- County: Somerset
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
314 South Kimberly Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

Somerset Oncology Center has been a subcontractor on a National Cancer Institute grant awarded to a community hospital based in Allegheny County Pennsylvania for the past two years. Somerset Oncology Center was selected to be a satellite site because of the county's rural designation. The estimated 2007 population of Somerset County as determined by the U.S. Census bureau was 77,861. 18.6% of the population was 65 years of age and older; 11.4% was below the poverty level. Both are considered barriers to healthcare. It is interesting to note that this funding has crossed two major, competing health system lines to unite in a common goal to eliminate disparities. This support has enabled Somerset Oncology Center to establish a patient navigator position to assist disparate and underserved cancer patients to overcome barriers to their care. These barriers include health insurance and socioeconomic issues, prescription coverage, nutritional support, transportation and housing needs that can directly impact the optimal delivery of care and eventual outcomes. Unfortunately, funding for this position will end June 2009. The data for the 84 patients who are/have been served by this program more than adequately supports the effectiveness of the program and need for continued support.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

In light of today's economic environment hospitals around the country are tightening their budgets, often downsizing staff that provides direct care to patients. Subsequently, time constraints on existing staff often preclude the timely assistance needed to overcome many of these healthcare barriers that patients encounter. Often times the steps to eliminate these barriers are labor-intensive, requiring multiple contacts with various agencies. Without the assistance of a patient navigator patients are left to their own devices without an adequate support system. Many households in Somerset County do not have computers to assist with this process. In addition many areas of the county do not have high speed Internet access which in turn hinders computer-based research relative to resources. In the end the process can be frustrating, overwhelming and unsuccessful. An example of the above is the 5 weeks of multiple telephone calls to a patient's insurance company and urologist to procure a hormone injection to treat his prostate cancer prior to beginning radiation therapy.

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

The highest level of education for the majority of adults living in Somerset County is high school (77.%, U.S. Census Bureau 2000). Illiteracy has also been identified in the elderly population. Patients are frequently unaware of county resources, including vital health screenings, e.g., mammograms, to early diagnose disease and obtain treatment cure so that they can return to the workforce. The patient navigator connects patients to valuable community resources in support of our local economy which is struggling. These resources may in turn provide for insurance coverage and the acquisition of medically required devices on a paid-for basis versus charity care funding that has decreased. In addition, the patient navigator is also supported on a part time basis that does modestly contribute to the area's job economy.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

Our request for federal funding is highly relevant and consistent with strategy #5.5 of the National Cancer Institute's Strategic Plan to Eliminate the Suffering and Death Due to Cancer (Jan 2006) "Understand the Factors that Influence Cancer Care Outcomes" <http://strategicplan.nci.nih.gov>. Timely treatment is directly linked to health outcomes. However, many of the patients we serve in this rural county experience an inordinate burden relative to obtaining healthcare as discussed above in the form of barriers. Many of our constituents are elderly and poor without access to many of the resources we take for granted, e.g., the Internet, as was previously noted. We have documented that the services provided by the patient navigator have measurably decreased barriers to care thereby allowing the patient to maintain focus on treatment goals that result in overall improved health outcomes.

General Information

Project name: **Lincoln Highway Experience**

Amount of funding requested: **\$7,480,878**

Entity to receive funding: **Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, Inc., a 501c3 organization**

Street address of entity to receive funding: **114 S. Market Street, Ligonier, PA 15658**

Location of the project:

- County: **Westmoreland, but this is a regional project that includes Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams Counties**
- Full street address of project location (if different than entity requesting funding):
2459 Route 30, Intersection of Routes 30/259, Ligonier Township

Project Description (maximum of 200 words):

The Lincoln Highway Experience is a regional heritage tourism initiative centered around an historic transportation route – the Lincoln Highway, which was this country’s first coast-to-coast road in 1913. For the most part in PA, we know it as Route 30. The Lincoln Highway Experience will be a LEED-certified Lincoln Highway-era Museum/Welcome Center, situated on 6+ acres, that will tell the compelling story of our first transcontinental highway and the stories of the communities and people along our 6-county corridor. Just as the Lincoln Highway was the dawning of early automobile tourism (which revolved around gas, food and lodging), today there is a renewed interest in two-lane roads, scenic vistas, Main Street communities, mom and pop businesses, and historic downtowns. Pivotal to the Lincoln Highway Experience will be three large artifacts: a 1938 restored diner, filling station and tourist cabin. It is our goal to draw visitors into this attraction so they can get an overview of the Highway and its relationship to the national story, but also to direct visitors to visit our amazing Lincoln Highway communities and attractions in Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams counties. All the planning (a copy of the Master Concept Plan is in Congressman Shuster’s office) has been completed for this project; *building* the Lincoln Highway Experience is the next step.

Briefly explain the need for federal support (maximum of 200 words):

The Lincoln Highway Experience is not a recent idea; we have been working on this for four years and completed most, if not all, preliminary studies/tests that are necessary prior to actual construction:

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| - Feasibility Study | - Business Plan |
| - Acquisition of 6+ acre site | - Topographic and land surveys |
| - Phase 1 Environ. Site Assessment | - Cultural Resource Survey |
| - Site Characterization Report | - Remediation Action Report |
| - Basemap Update, including utilities | - Highway Occupancy Permit |
| - Stormwater/erosion/sedimentation tests | - Concept Master Plan |
| - Plans and construction specs for diner, filling station, and tourist cabin restoration | |

We have satisfied all invoices (totaling approx. \$625,000) for the above tasks. And, we have funds in place to restore the diner, filling station and tourist cabin to the Secretary of the Interior standards this summer. Unfortunately, our timing could not be worse for a capital campaign, but donations are trickling in. Our 6-county Corridor is rural in nature with limited resources and corporate sponsorships. We need federal assistance for this transportation-themed attraction to move forward. The Lincoln Highway may not be as well known as Route 66; but it

is twice as long and 10 years older. The proposed Lincoln Highway Experience will put this national historic route and Pennsylvania on the map!

How will the project support economic development (e.g. # of jobs created) and what is the anticipated benefit and / or impact of the project (maximum of 250 words):

Unlike some other attractions, the Lincoln Highway Experience will be open 7 days a week, all year long. The Lincoln Highway Experience will have a public economic benefit, both locally and regionally. Even though the number of employees will double at the Experience site, the real economic development will occur along the 200-mile Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor – in Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams Counties – when visitors are encouraged to travel the Lincoln Highway and experience other authentic sites. Our attraction will be of interest to all ages, but especially heritage tourists (those 55+), the largest group of travelers. They have Lincoln Highway memories and are part of the automobile culture. They are more educated and have more disposable income. We also plan to partner with other Lincoln Highway attractions along the Corridor to encourage cross-marketing. The Lincoln Highway Experience will be an excellent complement to existing Corridor attractions such as Flight 93; Mountain Playhouse; site of the former Ship Hotel; Shawnee State Park; the Coffee Pot; Historic McConnellsburg; Chambersburg Heritage Center; roadside fruit stands in Franklin County; Totem Pole Playhouse; Gettysburg Battlefields; and New Oxford’s antiques. All the above sites and communities have enjoyed increased economic development from our 200-mile Lincoln Highway Roadside Museum project, our quarterly newspaper –*Lincoln Highway Journal*, and the upcoming Roadside Giants of the Lincoln Highway, a project we coordinated with five vo-tech schools. All these projects bring visitors (and their dollars) to our area.

Please provide a justification for the use of federal funding for this project (maximum of 250 words):

The Lincoln Highway was our country’s first (1913) coast-to-coast highway, stretching from New York City to San Francisco. The old Lincoln is still driveable today and beckons individuals, car clubs, bus tours, etc. to experience our country from behind the wheel. Roadside architecture, like Bedford’s Coffee Pot or York’s Shoe House, are typical quirky attractions that motorists get a kick out of when traveling this historic route. It’s a kitschy road, but endearing at the same time. A PBS special and a Hollywood-filmed movie both used the Lincoln Highway as their theme in 2008. Since the Lincoln Highway was named in honor of our 16th president, we launched our capital campaign to coincide with Abraham Lincoln’s Bicentennial this year, 2009. While Lincoln had a connection to Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, he may best be linked with Gettysburg, PA for his Gettysburg Address. Likewise, the Lincoln Highway runs through 13 states that bind the nation to this first coast-to-coast roadway. There is no other Lincoln Highway Museum in this country. Federal funding for this project is not community-specific; the Lincoln Highway Experience speaks to not only the 30 communities along our six county Corridor, but it is also the national context that is important for visitors to the Lincoln Highway Experience. Much in the same way, the economic impact will benefit not only one community, but many. With a regional heritage tourism site such as the Lincoln Highway Experience, the ripple effect of tourism dollars is significant.