

**Projects Submitted by Congressman Donnelly for Consideration for Funds
through the Fiscal Year 2010 Congressional Appropriations Process**

(These projects are in alphabetical order by the requested recipient)

**Elkhart Police Department Technology and Forensic Equipment in Elkhart,
Indiana**

On behalf of the City of Elkhart, I requested that the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include \$300,000 for its police department. This funding will allow the police department to purchase technology for squad cars, telecommunication equipment, computer technology and forensic equipment. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aims to reduce crime and enhance the department's abilities to serve the community.

Recipient: City of Elkhart

229 S. Second St.

Elkhart, Indiana 46516

Environmental Center Storage and Pump Facility in Elkhart

On behalf of the City of Elkhart, I requested that the FY 2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill include \$1,320,000 for the Elkhart Environmental Center Storage and Pump facility. The project will provide an offline storage facility to capture the wet weather overflow from the city's combined sewer overflow system, thereby preventing the water and sewage from reaching the river untreated. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project improves the water quality of the Elkhart River and enables the city to comply with the Clean Water Act.

Recipient: City of Elkhart

229 S. Second St.

Elkhart, IN 46516

Prairie Street Grade Separation Project in Elkhart

On behalf of the City of Elkhart, I requested that the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill include \$2,000,000 for the Prairie Street Grade Separation Project. The funding is requested to advance a new railroad overpass on Prairie Street for the existing at-grade crossing with the

Norfolk-Southern Railroad tracks in Elkhart. The project will widen Prairie Street to a 4-lane roadway from Main Street to Division Street and will include associated infrastructure improvements. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will alleviate barriers to local traffic, emergency response vehicles, and local commerce. The project will also eliminate a number of economic costs including lost wages, wasted fuel, and additional air pollution created by the existing railroad crossing.

Recipient: City of Elkhart

229 S. Second St.

Elkhart, IN 46516

Elkhart Criminal Intelligence and Interdiction Initiatives in Elkhart, Indiana

On behalf of the Elkhart County Prosecuting Attorney, I requested that the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include \$250,000 for a criminal intelligence and interdiction initiative. This funding will allow Elkhart to proactively combat organized crime and illegal narcotics. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses growing problem of methamphetamine production and distribution in Elkhart County. This will enhance public safety and provide a safer living environment.

Recipient: Elkhart County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

301 South Main Street, Suite 100

Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Kokomo Police Department Forensic Crime Lab in Kokomo, Indiana

On behalf of the Kokomo Police Department, I requested that the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include \$500,000 for the Forensic Crime Lab. This funding would allow the Kokomo Police Department to enable all law enforcement agencies in the area to be more efficient in fighting crime through the use of this facility. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps to improve efficiency in the system by providing Northern Indiana with its own center that will reduce delays in laboratory examination of criminal evidence instead of solely relying on the Indiana State Police.

Recipient: Kokomo Police Department

100 S. Union Street

Kokomo, Indiana 46901

Economic Development Corridor Project in City of LaPorte

On behalf of the City of LaPorte, I requested that the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill include \$500,000 for the LaPorte Economic Development Corridor project. The project will advance the city's plan to reroute through traffic from State Road 2, State Road 35, and State Road 4 away from the downtown area of LaPorte. The design is intended to minimize the impact of truck traffic, improve safety, and improve access to major industrial sites on the northeast side of the city. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will create significant economic development opportunities for the LaPorte business district while improving traffic flow and enhancing vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Recipient: City of LaPorte

801 Michigan Avenue

LaPorte, IN 46350

La Porte Regional Health System Mobile Health Clinic in La Porte, Indiana

On behalf of La Porte Regional Health System, I requested that the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill include \$350,000 for a mobile health unit. This funding is requested to enhance the La Porte Regional Health System's ability to provide services to people throughout the area. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides Hoosiers that lack transportation or face other barriers to care with accessible and reliable medical services. This mobile clinic will be equipped to conduct diagnostic testing, dental care, blood collection, x-rays and screenings and school physicals throughout La Porte County. It will also focus on teaching preventive skills to help Hoosiers lead a healthy lifestyle.

Recipient: La Porte Regional Health System, Inc.,

1007 Lincolnway

La Porte, Indiana 46350

18th Street and Main Street Intersection Culvert Replacements in Logansport.

On behalf of the City of Logansport, I requested that the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill include

\$1,040,000 for the culvert replacement project. The project would advance the replacement of three aging culverts to address flooding concerns. This project is the first step in a corridor development project designed to provide safety and mobility improvements to the City of Logansport. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will provide critical safety and economic developments to Cass County.

Recipient: City of Logansport

601 E. Broadway

Logansport, IN 46947

7th Road Extension Project in Marshall County

On behalf of the Marshall County Commissioners, I requested that Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill include \$1,000,000 for the 7th Road extension project. The project will provide critical east-west access to US 31 and open a new economic development corridor in Marshall County. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will provide improved access to communities connected by the US 31 corridor, as well as substantial economic development opportunities for Marshall County. In addition, this extension project was cited in a US 31 federal environmental impact statement (FEIS) as a priority project.

Recipient: Marshall County

112 W. Jefferson

Plymouth, IN 46563

Michigan Boulevard (US Hwy 35) Reconstruction Project in Michigan City

On behalf of the City of Michigan City, I requested that the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill include \$1,300,000 for the Michigan Boulevard reconstruction project. The project would advance the reconstruction of four miles of Michigan Boulevard and would facilitate the acquisition of maintenance equipment from the State of Indiana. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements will encourage critical economic development benefits to Michigan City while connecting US Hwy 20 with US Hwy 12.

Recipient: City of Michigan City

100 E. Michigan Blvd.

Michigan City, IN 46360

Michigan City Schools “New Tech” Initiative in Michigan City, Indiana

On behalf of Michigan City Area Schools, I requested that the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill include \$350,000 request for the Michigan City Area Schools Career and Technical Revitalization Initiative. This funding is requested to help improve Michigan City’s Career and Technical Education program by upgrading computer equipment and programming and providing staff training for continued professional development. It will enable the school system to expand summer programs and special education programs. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it prepares students to enter into the workforce upon graduating with the kind of technical and advanced skills required of our competitive global economy of the 21st Century.

Recipient: Michigan City Area Schools

408 South Carroll Avenue

Michigan City, Indiana 46360

Mishawaka Utilities Aeration Blower, Mishawaka

On behalf of Mishawaka Utilities, I requested that the FY 2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill include \$140,800 for an aeration blower. The funding is requested for the purchase and installation of a high efficiency aeration blower that will replace an existing blower and reduce energy consumption at the Mishawaka Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the equipment would significantly reduce energy consumption as well as carbon dioxide emissions. These improvements will help enable Mishawaka Utilities to provide water treatment services while complying with federal air quality standards.

Recipient: Mishawaka Utilities

126 N. Church St.

Mishawaka, IN 46546

St. Joseph County Methamphetamine and Illegal Firearms Project in South Bend, Indiana

On behalf of the Prosecuting Attorney of St. Joseph County, I requested that the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include \$250,000 for the Methamphetamine and Illegal Firearms Investigation and Prosecution Project. This funding will allow St. Joseph County to prosecute individuals who put the safety of citizens at risk by transporting drugs and illegal firearms into St. Joseph County. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because taking illegal guns and drugs like methamphetamines off the streets will enhance public safety and provide a safer living environment.

Recipient: St. Joseph County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

60th Judicial Circuit of Indiana

227 West Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 1000

South Bend, Indiana 46601

Kroc Center in South Bend, Indiana

On behalf of the City of South Bend, I requested that the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill include \$300,000 for the South Bend Kroc Center's Educational Programming initiative. This funding will allow the Kroc Center to provide education enrichment opportunities to underserved children and their families. It will provide literacy education to help children learn to read by third grade. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides children with the fundamental skills they need to be successful students.

Recipient: City of South Bend

1400 County-City Building

South Bend, Indiana, 46601

South Bend School Corporation "New Tech" Initiative in South Bend, Indiana

On behalf of the South Bend Community School Corporation, I requested that the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill include \$225,000 for its initiative to bring "New Tech" curriculum into the high school. This funding is requested to help prepare students for college and careers of the 21st Century. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps our students to improve technology literacy through hands-on education and be competitive in today's job markets upon graduation.

Recipient: South Bend Community School Corporation

215 S. St. Joseph Street

South Bend, Indiana 46601

Starke County Jail Infrastructure and Security Improvements in Knox, Indiana

On behalf Starke County, I requested that the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill include \$500,000 for jail infrastructure. This funding would allow Starke County to expand and make necessary improvements to mechanical, plumbing, electrical and security upgrades to an overcrowded jail system. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures that Starke County is able to house its inmates and transport them securely.

Recipient: County of Starke

53 East Mound Street

Knox, Indiana 46534

Innovation Park at the University of Notre Dame

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame, I requested that the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill include \$575,000 for the Innovation Park at Notre Dame. The funding is requested to construct a demonstration dry lab and implement an energy-management system designed to optimize energy usage and operations. These improvements will enable tenants to conduct their work more efficiently and collaboratively. I believe that this is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will not only reduce the facilities carbon footprint, but will also enable research teams to produce application prototypes quickly and inexpensively while transferring these prototypes into viable and marketable products. Perhaps more importantly, as a result of this request the Innovation Park will be in a stronger position to attract entrepreneurs that will ultimately create more jobs for our region.

Recipient: University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN 46556

**University of Notre Dame “Accelerating Science Through Entrepreneurship”
program in South Bend, Indiana**

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame, I requested that the FY2010 Financial Services Appropriations bill include \$175,000 for the Accelerating Science Through Entrepreneurship program. This funding will be used to help students and faculty translate their scientific discoveries to the marketplace. It provides funding to take research conducted at the university to the next level of development through commercialization. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will encourage technology competitiveness and bring jobs to our area.

Recipient: University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Mount Zion Dam in Fulton County.

On behalf of the Fulton County Commissioners, I requested that the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill include \$575,000 for the Mount Zion Dam. The dam is currently in failing condition and holds back 27 to 55 acres of water depending on rainfall and flooding. Failure of this dam would cause those waters to flow into Lake Manitou, which would rise to flood levels in a matter of minutes with little chance for evacuation or warning to its many residents. In addition, the houses and businesses located on the lake account for 62 percent of the total property tax revenue for the entire county. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the dam is currently a public safety hazard and is owned by a government agency without the financial resources to make the necessary repairs.

Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District

600 Dr. Martin Luther King

Louisville, KY 40202