

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers' FY10 Appropriations Project Requests

(35 total submitted)

Agriculture

Proposed Recipient: Great Lakes Commission
Address of Recipient: 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Amount of Request: \$3 million
Explanation: This request is for the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control. The Great Lakes Basin program was authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill. The Basin Program is a voluntary, pollution prevention initiative that aids restoration efforts. This program is a unique, federal-state partnership that addresses the economic and environmental impacts associated with soil erosion and sedimentation, a major source of pollution for the Great Lakes

Proposed Recipient: Michigan State University College of Agriculture
Address of Recipient: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: This request is for a special grant entitled Controlling Fire Blight Disease of Apple Trees (Apple Fire Blight). This disease is a major threat to Michigan's apple trees and has reduced apple acreage in Michigan by 24 percent. Michigan and New York researchers are taking aggressive measures against fire blight including development of blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies.

Proposed Recipient: Michigan State University College of Agriculture
Address of Recipient: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824
Amount of Request: \$212,000
Explanation: This request is for a special grant entitled Improving the Sustainable Production of Specialty Crops (Improved Fruit Practices). Michigan scientists are taking a team approach to assist growers in producing high quality fruit, dry beans, and sugar beets with environmentally sound, safe and effective pest control methods and management approaches.

Proposed Recipient: Michigan State University College of Agriculture
Address of Recipient: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: This request is for a special grant entitled Phytophthora Capsici research. Phytophthora Capsici is a fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes plants to rot. Vegetables such as cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, eggplants, and lima and snap beans are particularly susceptible to rot caused by Phytophthora. The pathogen has steadily spread at an alarmingly high rate in regions with wet and humid weather and has now been confirmed in 43 states. Crop rotation is ineffective and heavily infected fields become unsuitable for growing susceptible vegetables for years at a time because this disease can survive for ten or more years in the soil.

Proposed Recipient: Michigan State University College of Agriculture
Address of Recipient: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824
Amount of Request: \$387,000
Explanation: This request is for a special grant entitled Sustainable Agriculture: Expanding and Refining the Ecosystem Base (Sustainable Agriculture). This grant provides a solid research base on which to spearhead the sustainable agriculture movement in the Great Lakes Region. The work helps farmers manage their crops for excellent yields, while reducing fertilizer and pesticide use, and stemming nutrient losses to ground and surface water. Organic farming concepts are also addressed.

Commerce-Justice-Science

Proposed Recipient: Public Museum of West Michigan
Address of Recipient: 272 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Amount of Request: \$975,000
Explanation: The Public Museum of West Michigan proposes to renovate its 50-foot domed planetarium for use as the centerpiece of a new science education program. Specifically, this request would fund fulldome video projection technology and all planned improvements to the planetarium's education and outreach programs. The planetarium will aid in the development of greater interest in science and encourage a larger population of our children and adults to study and enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers. These fields are critical to our national economic and global competitiveness.

Defense

Proposed Recipient: Grand Valley State University and Mary Free Bed Hospital
Address of Recipient: 301 Michigan Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$1,460,000
Explanation: This request is for the Midwest Traumatic Injury Rehabilitation Center, which couples and expands the state-of-the-art medical and rehabilitation team care currently delivered by Mary Free Bed (MFB) and the curriculum development, evaluative and educational expertise of Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to provide comprehensive wounded warrior care closer to home to reduce the burden on families and establish a model for the nation. MFB will provide accessible, cutting-edge, interdisciplinary treatment as well as pain management and mental health services to support wounded warriors and their families to manage physiological alterations, and promote quality of life, and participation. The program will integrate clinical disciplines, including physical therapy, pain management, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, neuropsychology, social work, nursing, recreational therapy, drivers rehabilitation, motion analysis, and orthotics, and prosthetics in polytrauma injury treatment. The interdisciplinary teams will individualize care to each client at their level of injury and needed care to insure positive cognitive and behavioral outcomes, increased participation and quality of life, and where feasible, return to service. Access and use of GVSU's and MFB's motion analysis center, rehabilitation resources, nursing care and case management will be available to wounded warriors enrolled in the Wounded Warriors Polytrauma Injury

Rehabilitation Program. The GVSU/MFB partnership will provide care for wounded warriors in a currently underserved area, conveniently located and within driving distance for families in the region. It will provide the right care, at the right time, and in the right place – close to home to reduce the burden on families.

Proposed Recipient: GE Aviation Systems LLC
Address of Recipient: 3290 Patterson Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Amount of Request: \$4 million
Explanation: This request is for the Precision Engagement Technologies Required for Unmanned Systems (PETRUS). The intent of PETRUS is to develop and implement the technologies required to compress the timeline associated with Finding, Fixing, Tracking, Targeting, Engaging and Assessing targets of interest. This funding request will be used by the Navy and GE to further develop, integrate, and demonstrate the necessary enabling technologies that will permit this timeline compression. These technologies include: geo-registration (high fidelity coordinates), sensor advancement, target tracking and targeting algorithms, system miniaturization and micro-munitions integration. This project will develop a system for small unmanned air systems (UAS) that is capable of precisely tracking mobile targets of interest under a wide range of highly dynamic conditions.

Energy & Water Development

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Suite 480, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$310,000
Explanation: In collaboration with community partners, the City of Grand Rapids is developing an Energy Efficiency Education Program which will result in a comprehensive strategic plan that transitions the community from immediate utility assistance to prevention. Requested funding will support a community-wide education campaign, including a mass communication campaign and behavior modification training, outreach kits, and training for youth in green job skills.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Suite 480, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$250,000
Explanation: The City will purchase from a local manufacturer and install solar panels on the roofs of several City buildings to demonstrate the benefits of onsite solar panels. The panels will help reduce the city's energy consumption and dependency on the national grid by drawing from a localized energy source.

Proposed Recipient: L-3 Communications
Address of Recipient: 5353 52nd Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: This request is for the Advanced Hub Electric Airplane Drive (AHEAD). L-3 Communications is developing a concept for an alternative method of aircraft ground propulsion utilizing electric drive technology. The AHEAD program integrates a high

power density electric motor drive into an aircraft's landing gear. The AHEAD approach eliminates the inefficient operation of aircraft turbines and the need for ground support equipment for aircraft ground mobility. This technology could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Proposed Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Address of Recipient: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606
Amount of Request: \$7,575,000
Explanation: This request is for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier. Historically, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River were separated naturally by a landmass, but since the completion of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, aquatic species can move freely between the two water systems. A temporary dispersal barrier (Barrier I) has been operating for nearly seven years, and construction of a permanent barrier (Barrier IIA) will be completed this year.

Proposed Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Address of Recipient: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606
Amount of Request: \$10 million
Explanation: This request is for the Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration program. The Great Lakes sustain a nationally and internationally significant fishery that has been degraded by habitat losses, contamination, and invasive species. Under this program, the Corps will coordinate with other Federal, State, and local agencies and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to plan, implement, and evaluate projects supporting the restoration of the fishery, ecosystem, and beneficial uses of the Great Lakes. A range of aquatic habitat restoration projects can be done under this program including riparian habitat and wetland restoration, dam removal to re-establish free flowing tributaries, fish passages, and erosion and sedimentation control. This program is an important component of the Great Lakes Strategy developed by the U.S. Policy Committee in 2000 as well as the 2005 Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy. There is great demand for this program which exceeds the past funding for this program. In FY09, this program received \$2.157 million. The proposed FY09 budget did not provide funding for this program.

Proposed Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Address of Recipient: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606
Amount of Request: \$4 million
Explanation: This request is for technical assistance to Remedial Action Plans (RAP) Committees. Under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the United States and Canada agreed to develop remedial action plans for each of the 43 internationally recognized Areas of Concern (26 U.S. sites and 5 shared U.S. and Canadian sites). RAPs embody a comprehensive ecosystem approach to restoring and protecting beneficial uses and to identifying specific actions to resolve pollution problems. This Corps of Engineers program authorizes the Corps to provide technical support to states and local organizations in the development and implementation of RAPs. The Corps' expertise in dredging and sediment management is

valuable for the planning and designing of contaminated sediment cleanups. State and local agencies from 25 RAPs in Indiana (Grand Calumet River), Ohio (Black, Maumee and Cuyahoga Rivers), New York (Buffalo River, Eighteen Mile Creek, Rochester Embayment and St. Lawrence River), Michigan (Deer Lake, Torch Lake, Muskegon Lake and White Lake; River Raisin, Rouge, Saginaw, St. Marys, St. Clair, Detroit, and Clinton Rivers), Minnesota (St. Louis River), Wisconsin (Milwaukee Bay, Menominee, Sheboygan, and Fox Rivers), and Pennsylvania (Presque Isle Bay) have requested funding.

Interior & Environment

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Suite 480, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$1,925,000
Explanation: The City will separate the combined sewers and replace the aging water main in the Eastside portion of the City of Grand Rapids. This project is of national significance and a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to the clean-up of the Great Lakes which is a nationally important water source which suffers from water quality and quantity degradation. This aggressive program and dedication of limited resources will result in the complete elimination of the City's combined sewer overflows to the Grand River and Lake Michigan in 10 years.

Labor, Health & Human Services and Education

Proposed Recipient: Cherry Street Health Services
Address of Recipient: 540 Cherry Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$600,000
Explanation: Cherry Street (community health center), Touchstone Innovare (mental health services) and ProAction (substance abuse/mental health treatment) are developing an integrated care system in which patients in need of both mental health and physical health care will be involved in an integrated plan of treatment in which both medical and mental health professionals from different agencies work together in the same office space to complete a plan of treatment, a valuable use of taxpayer funds. In order to provide services to an increased number of patients, the three agencies are building a 92,000 sq. ft. building that will house the operations of the three organizations. The medical, dental and vision care equipment requested will be used in the operation of a federally qualified health center for the treatment of low-income patients most of whom would otherwise not have access to primary health care services.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids, Our Community's Children
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 480, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$552,750
Explanation: Our Community's Children, a public/private partnership between the City, the Grand Rapids Public Schools, and the community, will work with the Grand Rapids Public Schools Youth Employment program to increase investment in early workforce development. Youth will be trained in 21st century work skills and be given literacy remediation

to ensure they are ready for the workforce, a valuable use of taxpayer funds. Businesses in emerging fields will be sought to provide long-term job training and opportunities for youth. Outcomes include: increased employment competency of youth; increased graduation rates; improved math/reading scores; and greater investment from the business community in the future of our children.

Proposed Recipient: Grand Rapids Public Schools
Address of Recipient: 1331 Franklin Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: The Central Health Science Campus is a new education redevelopment model that is being advanced by the Grand Rapids Public Schools in partnership with several local colleges, universities, health institutions, and community stakeholders. The purpose is to create a mixed use campus centered on the health science industry that connects K-12, higher education, and job providers all on one site. The Central campus is located adjacent to the medical mile. The education redevelopment of Central campus is a valuable use of federal taxpayer dollars as those funds will foster new, innovative public-private partnerships and help to leverage additional private and state resources and support for the betterment of student achievement, workforce development, economic development, and the entire neighborhood. Most importantly, the federal funds will benefit a population of students and a surrounding neighborhood that includes a high percentage of disadvantaged children.

Proposed Recipient: Metro Health Corporation
Address of Recipient: 5900 Byron Center Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49519
Amount of Request: \$100,000
Explanation: Metro is installing a new integrated Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system. This advanced technology will increase the hospital's capacity to provide safe, efficient health care for its patients. The technology will reduce errors and enhance patient-provider relationships. Staff and physicians using this technology can make faster clinical decisions, thereby improving medical responsiveness to patients. The projected costs to acquire and install this life-saving technology are expected to reach \$20 million. Metro is requesting federal funding for the purchase of all hardware and software.

Proposed Recipient: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Address of Recipient: 300 68th Street SE, PO Box 165, Grand Rapids, MI 49501
Amount of Request: \$300,000
Explanation: The need for an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system is nationally recognized. Pine Rest is well-positioned to be a national model for other behavioral healthcare systems. With its continuum of care including hospital-based services, a large outpatient clinic network, addictions recovery services and residential treatment settings, Pine Rest will demonstrate improved quality of care at a lower cost. Pine Rest will have the ability to connect to the Health Information Exchange improving communication between providers. Mental illness can affect any person regardless of age, race, or gender. Each year almost 44 million Americans experience a mental disorder (US DHHS 2002). One in 10 American children and adolescents experience a mental illness; less than 20 percent of these will receive care for their condition (NIMH 1999). The EMR would provide efficient, timely and accurate care that

would increase consumer satisfaction. EMR would reduce costs, such as faxing, copying and handling of records.

Proposed Recipient: Saint Mary's Health Care
Address of Recipient: 200 Jefferson Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$250,000
Explanation: Both Congress and the Administration are placing a high priority on Health Information Technology (HIT) to help advance the quality and efficiency of care for all Americans. Saint Mary's Health Care and its parent organization, Trinity Health, have played a leadership role in the early establishment of a core HIT system that more than meets the minimum standard requirements being promoted by the federal government. INet is an automated information system for the ICU. It uses a bedside interface to integrate ICU monitor data, and it provides a centralized place in the electronic health record to view data trends, document findings, update physician orders, and receive notifications. INet integrates ICU clinical data into the system-wide EHR, which is viewable on-line from any location. Physicians will have real-time access to EHRs before, during, and after the ICU stay. The result will be increased patient safety and reduced errors. The technology improves care by supporting real-time access to cross-disciplinary patient results and evidenced-based information for clinical decisions. The federal government has acknowledged the important role that HIT can play in the reduction of medical errors, the overall enhancement of health care quality, and cost-savings for patients and the federal government, through reduced Medicare and Medicaid payments.

Proposed Recipient: Spectrum Health
Address of Recipient: 100 Michigan Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$250,000
Explanation: A regional leader in orthopedic care, Spectrum Health is developing an Orthopedic Surgical Treatment Effectiveness Registry to track patient health outcomes and ultimately help improve the quality of care provided at Spectrum Health and beyond. The registry would contain long-term patient procedure and outcome data and use evidence-based clinical standards set by the orthopedics community to measure effectiveness of procedures. Ultimately, a registry like this will enable Spectrum Health to be at the forefront of comparative effectiveness research and help us ensure orthopedic patients – many of whom are elderly Medicare beneficiaries – receive the most clinically appropriate and cost-effective treatments possible.

Proposed Recipient: Van Andel Institute
Address of Recipient: 333 Bostwick Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$1,500,000
Explanation: Positron Emission Tomography (PET), is a standard, noninvasive imaging tool physicians use to determine disease and images a body's cellular function. PET demonstrates biological function to identify, diagnose, and treat cancer, heart and brain disorders. PET scans give information about body chemistry that is not available with other imaging techniques, often earlier than conventional diagnostic procedures. Acquisition of PET and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) systems will not only add jobs to this area of research, but would also be attractive to those outside of western Michigan for contract services using this technology. Studies have shown that every dollar invested in biomedical research returns five

dollars (American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2008). This project creates jobs not only for the local economy, but may eventually provide the information that results in the establishment of new projects within biotechnology companies to utilize this information to create better treatments for disease. Research funding also indirectly supports small businesses that provide related services.

Proposed Recipient: YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 475 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$450,000
Explanation: Healthy U is a core component of the YMCA's Activate West Michigan (AWM) initiative, a coalition of community leaders that develop local solutions to the rising rates of obesity and chronic disease. Healthy U currently serves 6,000 low-income urban youth in 40+ school sites with nutrition education and physical activity. This project is for the purchase of two specially-equipped buses, two sets of Strive youth size strength training equipment and the books, curriculum and hands-on nutrition education start-up supplies needed to operate the program. The buses or mobile library and youth fitness centers will allow the YMCA to deliver physical activity, literacy and nutrition instruction to every child in every Grand Rapids area school and community center. The hands-on education will focus on: healthy eating, physical well-being, personal safety, character development, leadership building and goal setting. The Road to Good Health will allow the YMCA to expand its outreach into underserved communities from 6,000 to 50,000 low-income youth and families annually by bringing services to those who are unable to come to the YMCA. This project provides a means for underserved populations, particularly Hispanic and African American youth, families and seniors (from organizations such as Grand Rapids Public Schools and the Hispanic Center of West Michigan) to learn culturally appropriate, low cost strategies to for maintaining healthy lifestyles. Experts attribute rising costs to Americans' increased health care use, driven up by poorly managed obesity-related chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease. These chronic conditions are even more prevalent in low income and minority communities. This program will empower individuals to lead healthier lifestyles that will result in lower rates of chronic disease and therefore lower health care costs.

Transportation, Housing & Urban Development

Proposed Recipient: Barry County Road Commission
Address of Recipient: 1725 W. M-43 Hwy, P.O. Box 158, Hastings, MI 49058
Amount of Request: \$1.8 million
Explanation: This request is for construction improvements to Finkbeiner Road from Patterson Road to Whitneyville Road in Barry County, Michigan, including 4.25 miles of new road construction/reconstruction, a new bridge over the Thornapple River, and a new bridge over Spring Creek. The Barry County Road Commission is requesting additional funding for the Finkbeiner Road Project and believes it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds for the following reasons. The proposed project will allow for east-west all season travel in Barry County to major US interstates. Currently there is not an east-west all season route from within Barry County to any major US highway. There is over a 40 mile gap in the east-west all season network, commercial traffic must travel north to Grand Rapids or south to Kalamazoo in order to proceed west to a major highway while frost laws are in effect. This project will increase trucking

efficiency for numerous Barry County industries, including Bradford White Corporation (the largest employer in Barry County). The new bridge over the Thornapple River will create a second river crossing for the Village of Middleville improving response times for emergency services. Currently, trucking takes place on Main Street through downtown Middleville and through the Thornapple-Kellogg school zone. The proposed route will be a designated truck route. This will reduce the commercial and thru traffic from Main Street and thus increasing safety for the school zones and pedestrian traffic.

Proposed Recipient: Barry County Transit
Address of Recipient: 1216 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058
Amount of Request: \$127,200
Explanation: This request is for vehicle equipment replacement and building repair. Barry County Transit operates a public transit service over 572 square miles of Barry County, Michigan. The funding request for equipment and repair will supply:
-Replacement of two expansion vans that provide safe and efficient transportation to a growing rural senior and physically challenged population in Barry County.
-Mobile Communications equipment to replace a current two-way radio system which has far exceeded its useful life. In addition, the Federal Communications Commission has regulations in place which will render their band width useless in a little over two years.
-Transit facility repair is necessary to arrest water infiltration into the concrete block structure of the building. If this is not addressed it will certainly shorten the useful life of the facility.

Proposed Recipient: City of Belding Dial-A-Ride
Address of Recipient: 100 Depot Street, Belding, MI 48809
Amount of Request: \$62,400
Explanation: This funding will allow the City of Belding Dial-A-Ride to purchase one lift-equipped bus, which will replace an older bus that has met its useful life. Funds would also be used to purchase a power washer and a new computer.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$1 million
Explanation: This request is for the Seward Street Improvements. The extension and improvement of Seward Avenue, between Fulton Street and Butterworth Street, is designed to extend the improved north-south connector street on the City's west side (west of US-131 and the Grand River) that will improve access to industrial properties in the area and divert industrial truck traffic away from the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The estimated total cost of the improvements is \$3.4 million. The project is expected to leverage substantial private investment and result in additional industrial capacity and considerable job creation and retention. The Seward Avenue extension and improvement will provide the City with much-needed assistance to encourage continued industrial development, which will generate new tax revenue, improve local economic conditions, and put residents back to work. This portion of Seward Avenue has not received past federal funding. Other portions of Seward have been funded with Federal and State Economic Development Assistance (EDA) funds. EDA has been in conversation with City staff and is interested in funding a portion of the cost for the Seward Avenue improvements.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$6.4 million
Explanation: This request is for the Wealthy Street Extension. The construction project to extend Wealthy Street (an urban Federal Aid road) and improve the existing street network in the vicinity of Millennium Park will ease traffic congestion in the area by creating an alternative artery to US-131. These improvements are part of a larger economic development plan in the area which will result in an influx of visitors to Millennium Park that the current street network will have difficulty accommodating. This project is being conducted jointly with Kent County the City of Walker. This project has not received past federal funding. It is a \$15 million project being jointly conducted with Kent County and the City of Walker. Michigan DOT is also expected to contribute funding, but the level will not be known until new budget levels are developed this spring.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will help address the industrial vacuum created as manufacturing jobs are lost nationally. Michigan, and especially western Michigan, is suffering economically as manufacturing plants close. It must create an economy conducive to other sectors and Grand Rapids is focusing on the high-tech life sciences industry. Funds will be used to develop and build an initiative and central location to provide services and incubator space dedicated to innovation and the commercialization of life science-based technologies and products. This center is integral to the City transitioning its economy from manufacturing-based to more of a focus on life and health sciences. Since being established in 2003, the Western Michigan Science and Technology Initiative (WMSTI) has successfully lead collaborations focused on infrastructure developments for commercialization of products, served over 50 life science start-up companies, and created 21 technology-based jobs. With rapid growth of the life and health sciences industry in the region, the City and WMSTI are now challenged to quickly expand available space. The companies who occupy the incubator would create over 250 high technology jobs in the City's renaissance zone. Total building costs are estimated at \$30 million.

Proposed Recipient: City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride
Address of Recipient: 251 East Adams Street, Ionia, MI 48846
Amount of Request: \$100,000
Explanation: This request is for facility upgrades. The City of Ionia, Dial-A-Ride is seeking to upgrade its facility at 251 E. Adams Street, Ionia, Michigan. Improvements included in the upgrade consist of emergency preparedness power source, resurfacing of facility parking area, maintenance area heating supply replacement, and facility irrigation system.

Proposed Recipient: Kent County
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Amount of Request: \$500,000
Explanation: The Millennium Park Mine Remediation Project is a valuable use

of taxpayer funds and an integral part of the overall Millennium Park development plan, which seeks to reclaim urban green space impacted by past petroleum, industrial, landfill and mining activity. The overall project will increase local economic development and improve citizens' quality of life. Areas targeted for patron parking are located above former Georgia Pacific and Domtar Industries gypsum mines. On- and off-site parking is proposed above the mines; and in some areas, sinkhole activity has been noted. The sites will not be a danger to public safety as parking on these sites will only be used during 2-3 hour events. Generally, sinkhole activity, if it does occur, gives visual indication prior to significant ground movement and does not develop quickly in relation to the short times the lots will be used. Funding is required for additional evaluation and structural remediation due to mines or other subsurface voids.

Proposed Recipient: Kent County-Grand Rapids Convention Arena Authority
Address of Recipient: 303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Amount of Request: \$2,500,000

Explanation: The Millennium Park Amphitheater Project is a valuable use of funds because it will encourage economic development within the West Michigan region, create jobs and provide facilities to improve the quality of life of local citizens. The Project seeks to reclaim urban green space impacted by past petroleum, industrial, landfill and mining activity to increase local economic development and improve citizens' quality of life. The Amphitheater will provide a venue for a variety of music and stage performances, covered and lawn seating for over 10,000 patrons, parking for up to 4,500 automobiles, a stage house and complete backstage facilities to support a schedule of over 30 performances per season. In addition, the project will provide a catalyst for economic activity and development and leverage partnerships with existing downtown venues, hotels, restaurants and the entertainment district, leading to increased property values, attraction of new business and increased receipts for local, state and federal government.

Proposed Recipient: The Rapid
Address of Recipient: 300 Ellsworth Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$750,000

Explanation: This request is for the Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study. The study will allow the Rapid to assess the ridership projections, economic development potential and funding options that will determine if a streetcar system would be a valuable investment in the Grand Rapids metro area. The study is examining different models of public and private partnerships to build the infrastructure and operate the system.

Proposed Recipient: The Rapid
Address of Recipient: 300 Ellsworth Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Amount of Request: \$5 million

Explanation: This request is for the Wealthy Operations Center Expansion. In 2007, The Rapid's board approved the purchase of five vacant parcels from the City that will be used to expand the Wealthy Street Operations center to accommodate growth needs over the next 30 years. The most recent growth the Rapid is dealing with is the development of a Bus Rapid Transit project.