

Project Requests for Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations

The office of Congressman Todd Platts is regularly contacted by non-profit and other organizations within the 19th Congressional District, as well as state and local government entities, to request federal funding as part of the eleven annual appropriations bills. This year sixty-five funding requests were submitted to Congressman Platts' office and were reviewed by a ten member advisory board comprised of community leaders throughout the 19th District. The breakdown of members from the three counties was done on an approximate per capita basis.

Based on the recommendations of the board, the following are domestic projects which will be forwarded to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. If more than five requests were received for a particular appropriations bill, rankings by the board were used to reduce the number of requests to five or - in the event of a tie - six.

All of the projects listed below will compete against all of the other projects submitted by Members of Congress for consideration by the Appropriations Committee. Their appearance on this list does not guarantee that they will receive funding, nor that any funding they receive will be in the amount requested:

Labor-Health-Education Appropriations Bill

Goodling Advanced Skills Center: The William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Learning Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) training center providing industry-led training to incumbent workers, dislocated workers, and new entrants into the workforce. Training is also provided to high schools seniors. The Advanced Skills Learning Center would use this funding to create the Goodling Innovation and New Technology (GIANT) Center. The GIANT Center will help private industry leverage their idle intellectual properties by matching them with existing companies and start-up businesses in need of those technologies, thereby serving as the link between technology excess and technology success. Additionally, funding would be used for startup costs of this initiative, allowing the GIANT Center to develop a resource network in the region, and assist with administrative costs, staffing needs, and marketing initiatives. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because, due to the increasingly competitive nature of the global economy, firms must innovate in order to survive by developing new technologies, products, and processes. The GIANT Center would play a critical role in working with companies, allowing them to remain competitive. (\$300,000)

*William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Center
2101 Pennsylvania Avenue
York, PA 17404*

Hanover Hospital: Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to improve clinical outcomes and enables health systems to better define, measure, monitor, and reward quality care. Electronic medical records create efficiencies for patients, physicians, and the hospital. (\$1 million)

*Hanover Hospital
300 Highland Avenue*

Hanover, PA 17331

Holy Spirit Hospital: Holy Spirit Hospital would use this funding to provide improved outpatient mental health services for older adults within their Seniors' Behavioral Health Services Outreach Program. Funding would be used to partially support the salary costs of trained psychotherapists providing education and support services and registered nurses providing medical support in lieu of the psychiatrist. In addition, funding would be used to produce educational materials specific to mental health issues concerning older adults. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because current barriers to mental health treatment remain significant, and the mental health needs of older adults in the Cumberland, York and Adams County areas remain largely unmet. (\$100,000)

*Holy Spirit Hospital
503 North 21st Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011*

Memorial Hospital: Memorial Hospital would use this funding to purchase a new Digital Mammography Unit for the Memorial Hospital Breast Center. The unit would allow for high quality digital breast images to provide earlier diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because breast cancer continues to be on the rise in York County and across the nation. Early detection through mammography is key to early treatment and survival of women diagnosed. (\$100,000)

*Memorial Hospital
325 Belmont Street
York, PA 17403*

WellSpan Health: WellSpan Health would use this funding to purchase a remote monitoring system for the York Hospital Emergency Transitional Care Unit, allowing physicians to monitor patients in a distant location without physically leaving the main Emergency Department. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the remote monitoring system would create remote access using video/audio conferencing technology so that a physician could monitor multiple patients at one time. In addition, while caring for a patient in the main emergency department, the physician could answer questions and communicate with patients and families who are waiting in the Emergency Transitional Care Unit, eliminating the constant disruption of walking back and forth. (\$99,500)

*WellSpan Health
912 South George Street
York, PA 17403*

York College of Pennsylvania: York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year institution of higher education serving over 5,600 students. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College would use this funding to expand their existing Nursing Department. Specifically, funds would be used to refurbish laboratories and purchase equipment related to the project. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College operates one of the largest bachelorette nursing programs in the region. York College's ability to continue providing a pool of highly educated and trained nursing graduates helps fill the critical demand for nurses, both locally and nationally. (\$500,000)

*York College of Pennsylvania
441 Country Club Road
York, PA 17403*

Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

Carroll Valley Borough: Carroll Valley Borough of Pennsylvania is located in Adams County and is a self-governing incorporated borough. Carroll Valley would use this funding to create a Southwest Adams Regional Fleet Fueling Station for First Responders. This above-ground fuel tank system would be accessible to regional first responders on a 24 hour basis to refuel their vehicles. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would assist the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency (FREMA) in providing resources to first responders during a declared disaster/emergency. (\$80,700)

*Carroll Valley Borough
5685 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, PA 17320*

Cumberland County Government: Cumberland County would use this funding to construct a new facility for the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Emergency Preparedness (including the Emergency Operations Center), and the 911 Public Safety Answering Point. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the County is a critical regional player in emergency planning and response and this facility would assist Cumberland County in executing these responsibilities. (\$1 million)

*Cumberland County Government
1 Courthouse Square
Room 200
Carlisle, PA 17013*

Agriculture Appropriations Bill

Nutricore Northeast: NutriCore Northeast, a not-for-profit alliance of corporations, industry organizations, research universities, and municipal communities, was established in 2003 as the National Center of Excellence in Food and Nutrition Research. This alliance funds nutrition research programs and coordinates services to both industry and government agencies to maximize their investments in food or nutrition research and development. NutriCore would use these funds for research projects as well as staffing and overhead costs. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because food manufacturing and food safety are critical components in our national economy and society. NutriCore NorthEast is directly supporting the development of healthier foods, and providing technological and scientific resources to farmers and food processors that were previously unavailable to them. (\$500,000)

*NutriCore NorthEast
144 Roosevelt Avenue
York, PA 17401*

Penn State University – Improved Dairy Management Practices: Penn State is a public university. Some of the most important challenges facing the dairy industry today lie in the areas

of nutrient and emission management. Penn State faculty will use this funding to research nutrient management through cow nutrition modification and the impacts of emission from dairy operations. In addition, funding will be used to develop new technologies to address problems associated with dairy production in Pennsylvania in an effort to improve water quality, lower impacts of air emissions, and use energy more efficiently. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the sale of dairy products accounts for nearly half the farm gate value of Pennsylvania's agricultural income. The profitability of Pennsylvania dairy farms is inextricably tied to management decisions that are being made by farmers. (\$550,000)

Penn State University

117 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Penn State University- Integrated Bioenergy Farm: Penn State would use this funding to create an Integrated Bioenergy Farm. Bioenergy crops would be integrated into food production cropping systems relevant to the Northeast. Initially six systems would be implemented at field-scale to demonstrate the opportunities and challenges associated with reducing fossil energy dependence and greenhouse gas production of farming systems. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Bioenergy crops harvested from these fields would 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. (\$1 million)

Penn State University

117 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Penn State University- Milk Safety Program: Penn State would use this funding to identify issues in milk and dairy products safety and seek interventions that can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to continue to improve consumer confidence in the quality of their food supply. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because dairy is the single largest economic component of the Pennsylvania agricultural portfolio. (\$800,000)

Penn State University

117 Old Main

University Park, 16802

Penn State University- Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources: Penn State University would use this funding to create a new collaborative research and education program that will help diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. Investment in this special grant would increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine-tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conservation of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the demand for increased farmer understanding and

adoption of sustainable farming practices continues to be a high priority in the agricultural community. (\$400,000)

*Penn State University
117 Old Main
University Park, 16802*

Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill

Adams County Department of Emergency Services: Adams County Department of Emergency Services is the Public Safety Answering Point for Adams County. The entity provides Public Safety Communications to all Emergency Response Agencies within Adams County. Adams County would use this funding to develop a new, standards based wireless communication system that will operate in the 700 MHz and 800MHz bands. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the system would be capable of supporting all public safety operations in the County and would allow for increased interoperability. (\$200,000)

*Adams County Department of Emergency Services
230 Greenamyre Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17321*

Carlisle Borough: Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. Carlisle Borough would use this funding to acquire between 25 and 50 surveillance cameras to be installed in public areas in downtown Carlisle. The cameras would be operated remotely at the Carlisle Police Department. Cameras would be of a mobile, wireless variety so that they can be relocated if necessary. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Carlisle has experienced an increase in crime, specifically robberies, which pose a public safety threat. The project is expected to deter crime and assist in the apprehension of suspects. (\$200,000)

*Carlisle Borough
53 West South Street
Carlisle, PA 1703*

Cumberland County Government: Cumberland County would use this funding to relocate and replace communications infrastructure that is essential to the operation of the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Emergency Preparedness (including the Emergency Operations Center), and the 911 Public Safety Answering Point. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the County is a critical regional player in emergency planning and response and this facility would assist Cumberland County in executing these responsibilities. (\$200,000)

*Cumberland County Government
1 Courthouse Square
Room 200
Carlisle, PA 17013*

Survivors, Inc.: Survivors, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which supports individuals who experience domestic violence or sexual assault. Survivors, Inc. provides a 24-hour crisis counseling hotline, shelter services, transitional housing, supportive counseling, support groups, and legal advocacy for individuals affected by domestic violence or sexual assault. Survivors, Inc. would use this funding to partially fund staff salaries, on-call stipends,

and expenses for hotline provision. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because safety is one of the most essential needs to both individuals and society. When an individual is not safe in their own home they must have resources available to them to meet their needs. (\$25,000)

Survivors, Inc.

233 West High Street

Gettysburg, PA 17325

York County Children's Advocacy Center: The York County Children's Advocacy Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that works to reduce the trauma of child abuse investigations, foster professional collaboration and cooperation, and promote education and advocacy regarding the prevention of child abuse within the community. The York County Children's Advocacy Center would use this funding to establish the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Team. SAFE Team members are registered nurses who have advanced education and clinical preparation in forensic examination of sexual assault victims. The SAFE Team would provide compassionate care to victims of child abuse by simultaneously gathering evidence of a crime. Funds would be used to purchase medical supplies and cover exam costs. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York County ranks as the third highest county in our Commonwealth for substantiated cases of child abuse. Currently, less than 10% of the children involved in substantiated cases receive a forensic medical exam. (\$60,000)

York County Children's Advocacy Center

28 South Queen Street

York, PA 17403

Interior, Environment Appropriations Bill

Adams County Historical Society: Adams County Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization that identifies, preserves, and tells the stories of people, organizations, businesses, and events that have shaped Adams County, Pennsylvania. Adams County Historical Society would use this funding to restore Schmucker Hall, a building that was constructed in 1832 for use as a campus building for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. After its restoration, Schmucker Hall will be used as a museum. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Schmucker Hall is nationally significant to United States history, and elements of the building are in poor condition. Its national significance has been recognized by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. (\$400,000)

Adams County Historical Society

111 Seminary Ridge

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Carlisle Borough: Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. Carlisle Borough would use this funding to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant facility to achieve the point source effluent nutrient cap loads targeted by the Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this project is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to benefit the Chesapeake Bay. (\$160,000)

Carlisle Borough

53 West South Street

Carlisle, PA 17013

Gettysburg National Military Park: Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Gettysburg National Military Park would use funding to develop plans and implement activities which enhance and preserve the resources of the historic district. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because technical assistance funding for the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District helps accomplish vital historic preservation goals of the National Park Service and the Gettysburg community. (\$100,000)

Gettysburg National Military Park

1195 Baltimore Pike

Suite 100

Gettysburg, PA 17325

York City Sewer Authority: The York City Sewer Authority is a public, municipal authority providing wastewater services for residential, commercial, and industrial users in an eight-municipality service area. The York City Sewer Authority would use this funding to construct a new headworks facility, which includes the replacement of the building's heating and ventilation system and replacement of the activated carbon bed in the building's odor control system. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the combined improvements provide the most cost-effective solution for updating infrastructure for the authority's residents and businesses.

(\$160,000)

York City Sewer Authority

1701 Blackbridge Road

York, PA 17402

York County Government: York County Government would use this funding to create a digital Countrywide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database that will contain all of the major water system features in York County, along with their location and attributes. This information would be standardized throughout the county and could be shared with all participating water companies and all levels of government. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the water infrastructure within York County continues to rapidly expand to meet the requirements of high development pressure, while the need to maintain its aging components must be fulfilled. It is critical to know where the water infrastructure is located and attributes, such as age, size, and capacity of each component. (\$125,000)

York County Government

28 East Market Street

York, PA 17401

Energy, Water Appropriations Bill

Renewable Energy (Photovoltaic) Project: If this project is funded, PPG Industries would be expected to compete for the contract. PPG Industries is a diversified manager that supplies paints, coatings, chemicals, optical products, specialty materials, glass, and fiber glass. PPG is a publically traded company located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. PPG would use this funding to develop advanced, in-line process technologies to fabricate thin-film solar cells. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because thin-film technologies could be directly integrated into current

manufacturing glass processes in order to reduce the cost per watt while optimizing the photovoltaic supply chain to accelerate the introduction of alternative energy sources in the market. (\$1 million)

*PPG Industries
400 Park Drive
Carlisle, PA 17301*

Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Carlisle Borough: Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. The Borough of Carlisle would use this funding to carry out the recommendations of the Downtown Traffic Safety and Mobility Project, a comprehensive traffic study of downtown Carlisle. Funding would be used to: reduce High and Hanover Streets from two lanes to one lane in each direction; add bicycle lanes to both sides of High and Hanover Streets; install camera-activated traffic signals; install “bump-out” curbs at all intersections; and implement a truck mitigation program to reduce truck traffic. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, calm traffic, reduce air and noise pollution, encourage multi-modal transportation, and revitalize downtown Carlisle. (\$1 million)

*Carlisle Borough
53 West South Street
Carlisle, PA 17013*

Cumberland County Government: Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Craighead Bridge. Craighead Bridge is a 110 year-old steel thru truss bridge that carries nearly 2000 vehicles per day across the Yellow Breeches Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Craighead Bridge has been named one of the worst bridges in Pennsylvania and is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and has an estimated remaining life span of four years. (\$1 million)

*Cumberland County Government
1 Courthouse Square
Room 200
Carlisle, PA 17013*

Cumberland County Government: Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Orr’s Bridge. Orr’s Bridge is a 52 year-old pre-stressed non-composite adjacent box beam structure that carries over 12,000 vehicles per day across the Conodoguinet Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the current design has been proven to accelerate deterioration of the bridge’s structural system and in turn increases its susceptibility to sudden collapse. (\$1 million)

*Cumberland County Government
1 Courthouse Square
Room 200
Carlisle, PA 17013*

Rabbittransit: The York County Transportation Authority (Rabbittransit) is the public transportation provider for York County. Rabbittransit would use this funding to relocate its

facility to a location that could house all 86 buses. The current location can only house 65 buses. Due to rapid growth over the past decade, Rabbittransit has been providing increasingly valuable service to the community. However, because of the growth, Rabbittransit is completely out of parking space and the bus facility has become over crowded. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project would provide Rabbittransit with the ability to continue to meet the needs of the community. (\$1 million)

Rabbittransit

1230 Roosevelt Avenue

York, PA 17404

Springettsbury Township: Springettsbury Township is a local government located within York County, Pennsylvania. Springettsbury Township would use this funding to improve the intersection of Northern Way and East Market Street. Specifically, the funding would be used to add a westbound right turn lane to Northern Way. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a safe access point to the Township's retail, entertainment, and industrial center, while strengthening and enhancing the commercial and industrial redevelopment in the area. (\$930,732)

Springettsbury Township

1501 Mount Zion Road

York, PA 17402

West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board: West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit organization dedicated to the planning for and funding of a 113 acre recreation park in West Manheim Township in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The Board would use this funding to outfit two regulation-sized baseball fields with backstops, bases, scoreboards, specialized infield dirt, field drainage systems, and fencing. The funding would also be used to purchase two sets of restroom facilities. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facilities in the park will provide a safe outlet for the activities of the local youth population. The West Manheim Recreation Park will be a premier destination for Southern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland residents. (\$300,000)

West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board

15 Waterview Road

Hanover, PA 17331

The board also approved forwarding the following defense projects to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration:

Defense Appropriations Bill

5" Extended Range Insensitive Munition Projectile: This request would provide funding to produce Extended Range Insensitive Munition (ERIM). ERIM projectile is a promising technology for providing extended range and accuracy improvement for the 5" Naval Gun system. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because extended range and accuracy will enable the Naval warfighter to confidently engage specific point targets in both rural and urban terrains. The munition is produced in part by the General Dynamics facility located in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. (\$4 million over the President's Budget)

*General Dynamics
200 East High Street
Red Lion, PA 17356*

EFSS Precision Extended Range Munition: The EFSS is a close fire support, all-weather, quick responsive indirect fire system supporting Marine Expeditionary Units. The system is produced in part by the General Dynamics facility located in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide Research, Development, Test & Evaluation dollars to greatly expand the munition range for the EFSS system. (\$10 million over the President's Budget)

*General Dynamics
200 East High Street
Red Lion, PA 17356*

Future Medical Shelter System: This project would fund the production of a successor to the current tent-based field hospital that has served the Army well but is currently marked for phase-out. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the 21st Century Military Hospital System is a mobile medical unit that incorporates superior quality in medical care. Gichner Shelter Systems, located in Dallastown, Pennsylvania would design and manufacture the specialty ISO containers used in the mobile medical units (\$9.5 million over the President's Budget)

*Gichner Shelter Systems
490 East Locust Street
Dallastown, PA 17313*

Improved Recovery Vehicle (M88A2): This project would fund the remanufacturing and upgrade of the M88A1 to provide safe and effective recovery capability for the M1 Abrams Tanks. The Abrams Tanks are manufactured in part by the BAE Systems facility located in York, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the tanks are used extensively in Operations Iraqi Freedom and these upgrades will satisfy major deficiencies identified during Operation Desert Storm. (\$72.8 million above the President's Budget)

*BAE Systems
1100 Bairs Road
York, PA 17405*

Paladin Integrated Management (PIM): This project would fund the completion of testing and evaluation of the PIM self-propelled howitzer and companion ammunition resupply vehicle. These vehicles are manufactured in part by the BAE Systems facility located in York, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the changes to this vehicle will reduce the logistics footprint thereby reducing operational and support costs. (\$9 million above the President's Budget)

*BAE Systems
1100 Bairs Road
York, PA 17405*

Military Construction Appropriations Bill

York Readiness Center: Funding would be provided to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to provide soldiers with modern facilities in which to assemble and train in York, Pennsylvania. It would also allow the Guard to close two undersized, inadequate armories now in use. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facility will incorporate sustainable design features to achieve LEED NC 2.2 USGBC Silver Certification and improved energy efficiencies. In addition, the new site would implement required Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection. (\$12.8 million)

*York Eden Road RC
York, PA*

Members of the advisory board included:

Adams County

Steve Niebler – Director, Adams County Office for Aging

John R. Peters – Adams County Farm Bureau

Cumberland County

Dean Clepper – Principal (retired), South Middleton School District

John Connolly – Former Chief Clerk, Cumberland County

Jerry Nailor – Former State Representative, 88th Legislative District

York County

Carl Anderson – President, Community Progress Council Board of Directors, Metro York

Eric Menzer – Wagman Construction, Metro York

Steve Nickol – Former State Representative, 193rd Legislative District

Mario Pirritano – Supervisor, Fairview Township

Peg Weaver – Former President, Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce