

Congressman Joe Donnelly's FY2008 Congressional Appropriations, Projects Secured

Requests through the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill

LaPorte County Sheriff's Office: \$413,600 Funds would be used to purchase and install a Motorola Mobile Video Enforcer in-car video recording system in department squad cars.

North Judson Police Department: \$56,400 Funds would be used to purchase one fully equipped patrol vehicle and four Motorola mobile data computers, one for each of their patrol vehicles.

Starke County Sheriff's Department: \$517,000 Funds would be used to purchase radio equipment to improve first responder interoperable communications.

Requests through the Defense Appropriations bill

Defense CS: \$4,000,000 Funds would be used to continue the development of improved Humvee windshield armor to protect personnel and improve vehicle operability during and following an attack. (This project was also supported by Sens. Bayh and Lugar.)

University of Notre Dame: \$1,600,000 Funds would be used by Notre Dame to research and develop new and improved technologies to assist with recovery, readiness, and quality of life for military personnel with spinal and other orthopedic injuries. Work done in conjunction with Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Indiana University, Purdue University, DuPuy, and Zimmer. (This project was also supported by Rep. Souder and Sen. Bayh.)

AM General: \$1,600,000 Funds would be used to continue ongoing efforts to install state-of-the-art technology into Humvees and meet improvement requirements for increased payload, power, protection, range, reliability and durability.

Requests through the Energy and Water Appropriations bill

Mount Zion Mill Pond Dam: \$234,192 Funds would be used to repair the Mt. Zion Mill Pond Dam in Fulton County, Indiana.

Michigan City Harbor: \$934,800 Funds would be directed to the Army Corps of Engineers to provide for the dredging of the inner and outer harbor, as well as the completion of the Dredge Material Management Plan.

South Bend/Notre Dame Innovation Park: \$776,376 Funds will be used to purchase specialized laboratory equipment to assist in the discovery and commercialization of biological and environmental research. This equipment would be housed in the South Bend/Notre Dame Innovation Park. (This project was also supported by Sens. Bayh and Lugar.)

Request through the Financial Services Appropriations Bill

University of Notre Dame – “Robinson Enterprises.”: \$282,000 Funds would be used to develop and support a comprehensive training, entrepreneurship and business promotion initiative through the Robinson Community Learning Center to help area low income “at-risk” individuals gain access to opportunities to improve their economic situations. (This project was also supported by Sens. Bayh and Lugar.)

Requests through the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

City of Plymouth: \$200,000 Funds would be used to voluntarily acquire and relocate at risk structures and assist businesses and area residents with relocation costs in flood prone areas.

Requests through the Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill

City of South Bend: \$492,000 Funds would be used to construct and implement an embedded sewer overflow sensory control network to reduce pollution within the St. Joseph River watershed. (This project was also supported by Sens. Bayh and Lugar.)

Requests through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriation bill

Community Hospital of Bremen: \$118,886 Funds would purchase one digital mammography machine to meet the needs of women of all ages, especially the uninsured, for services such as diagnostic screenings and treatments, education programs and assessments.

Madison Center: \$143,449 Funds would be used for construction and start up costs of a specialty clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD. (This project was also supported by Sen. Bayh.)

Saint Anthony Memorial Health Centers: \$263,318 Funds would be used for the creation of a Women’s Comprehensive Health Center within St. Anthony Memorial Health Centers. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center: \$286,899 Funds would be directed to purchase INet, a centralized database to view patient data trends, document patient findings, update physician orders, and receive important notifications, which will reduce error and improve safety. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

Requests through the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill

TRANSPO: \$656,600 Funds would be used for the construction of the TRANSPO Bus Operation Center in South Bend, Indiana. (This project was also supported by Sens. Bayh and Lugar.)

City of Elkhart: \$441,000 Funds would be used to construct a railroad grade separation on Prairie Street in Elkhart, Indiana. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

U.S. 31 Coalition, Inc.: \$343,000 Funds would be used to complete the necessary environmental work on segments of the US 31 upgrade. The proposed project includes a 122 mile freeway-quality upgrade connecting Indiana's two largest economic centers, Indianapolis and the South Bend/Elkhart area. The request targets segments of US 31 in Marshall, Fulton, Miami, and Tipton Counties. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

Kokomo YMCA: \$98,000 Funds would be used for the repair and rehabilitation of the YMCA in Kokomo, Indiana.

City of Logansport: \$343,000 Funds would be used to assist with the design of a grade separated railroad crossing in Logansport, Indiana. The project will include improved roadway alignment, storm drain improvements, and a multi-use path to connect downtown Logansport to a new Ivy Tech Community College campus.

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District Transportation District: \$4,900,000 Funds would be used for the design and construction of new centralized traffic control and power distribution systems for the South Shore Commuter Rail Line. (This project was also supported by Rep. Visclosky and Sen. Lugar.)