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### **Funding Priorities in our Community**

In order to create a more transparent and accountable process, Congressional Democrats have instituted new reforms to ensure every American can easily determine which funding requests – sometimes known as “earmarks” – have been submitted for consideration and possible funding.

The responsible application of federal resources designated for local projects of high public purpose can have widespread benefits for our communities, our state, and our nation.

Knowing the great needs in my district, I have strongly encouraged all local cities, school districts, colleges and universities, government agencies, and non-profit social service agencies to submit applications to me for these funds. In making appropriation requests, I seek to use taxpayer dollars wisely, considering cost-effectiveness and community support. These projects may support renewable energy, higher education, health care and medical research, environmental protection, infrastructure, and transportation initiatives that have regional and national benefits.

Below you will find a list of the projects, listed alphabetically, which I have submitted to the Appropriations Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives for Fiscal Year 2010. Although I know only a few of the projects will be selected for funding, I believe each would be valuable to our community.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Assistive Technology to ABC’s Special Needs Children.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: ABC Unified School District, located at 16700 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703. Amount requested: \$315,516. The purpose of the project is to provide technology that supports improving school and life skills of mild to severe special needs children in the ABC Unified School District. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly increase special needs children’s ability to complete their education and prepare them for the workforce and life.

**21st Century Latinas Mentoring and Leadership Program.** The entity requesting this project is: Embracing Latina Leadership Alliances, 10072 Rosecrans Avenue, Bellflower, CA 90706. Amount requested: \$250,000. The purpose of this project is to deliver workshops, tutorial support, empowerment conferences, university visits, and internships for Latina students in middle and high school to reduce school dropout rates and teen pregnancy, and to promote post-

secondary education, community involvement, and leadership. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will encourage, promote, and empower students to pursue higher education and community involvement, and it will reduce school dropout and teen pregnancy rates.

**After-School Youth Programs (City of Artesia).** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Artesia, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701. Amount requested: \$36,000. The purpose of the project is to provide a multi-tiered youth program of supervised sports leagues, after-school homework programs, mentoring, and paid youth internships in local government to steer youth toward positive community participation. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will keep participating youth out of gangs and crime, help them develop positive, useful skills, and increase their academic achievement.

**Agile Port and High Speed Ship Technology.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: California State University, Long Beach Foundation. 6300 State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach, CA 90815. Amount requested: \$7,500,000. The purpose of the project is to research ship designs that can meet Strategic Rapid Deployment requirements and be used commercially to support the movement of cargo containers in coastal and inland waterways. The dual capability ships are to be built in American shipyards with significant long term economic benefits, replace the costly Rapid Reserve Fleet, and support the emerging Seabasing Concept. Additionally, funds would help CCDoTT provide scientific and engineering support to local and national efforts to reduce air pollution and highway congestion caused by port activity. CCDoTT also provides local economic and educational benefits by funding research projects carried out by CSULB faculty and students. Continued funding of CCDoTT would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will advance both defense and civilian transportation projects.

**Anti-graffiti Coatings on Storefront Windows, Los Angeles County, CA.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce located at 2156 E. Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90255. Amount requested: \$100,000. The purpose of this project is to install anti-graffiti coating on storefront windows in Florence-Firestone commercial district. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce vandalism costs for local businesses and encourage more businesses to open in the area for the benefit of local residents.

**ARTS Within REACH.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Rio Hondo College, located at 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601. Amount requested: \$419,783. The purpose of the project is to provide students from the Whittier City, South Whittier, and Los Nietos School Districts with music and arts education at no cost to the students or their families. Music and arts education have been cut deeply in recent decades, despite their importance in developing well-rounded citizens and providing students with creative outlets and opportunities. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because arts and music education has been shown to increase academic performance in math and science classes; increase student performance; and reduce drop-out and crime rates.

**Bus Shelters for the City of Hawaiian Gardens.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Hawaiian Gardens located at 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Amount requested: \$204,800. The purpose of this funding is to purchase and install eight bus transit shelters. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the purchase and installation of the transit shelters will facilitate greater use of public transit.

**Bus Shelters for the City of South Gate.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of South Gate. 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280. Amount requested: \$200,000. The purpose of this project is to purchase and install 25 bus shelters. This project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will promote the increased use of public transit.

**Bus Shelters for the City of Whittier.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Whittier. 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$450,000. The purpose of this project is to purchase and install 10 bus shelters with solar lighting. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will promote the increased use of public transit.

**Business Training for Watts-Willowbrook.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Long Beach Community College District located at 4901 East Carson Street, G-12, Long Beach, CA 90808. Amount requested: \$250,000. The purpose of this two-part program is to: (1) provide business training to help existing small businesses grow in the Watts area, and (2) provide a Summer Youth Entrepreneurial Academy to high school youth in the Watts area, primarily at the Watts-Willowbrook Boys and Girls Club and the Watts Labor Community Action Center. This program will include field trips to businesses that are part of the Greater Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The entire program will be managed by the Small Business Development Center of Long Beach Community College, which is the lead U.S. Small Business Development Center office in Southern California. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will spur job growth and entrepreneurial education for youth.

**Business Training for Youth At-Risk in Watts-Willowbrook.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Long Beach Community College District, 4901 East Carson Street, G-12, Long Beach, CA 90808. Amount requested: \$100,000. The purpose of this program is to teach youth in high-crime inner city areas about business and entrepreneurial principles and connect them with business leaders in greater Los Angeles via field trips. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide youth at-risk of gang involvement and negative educational outcomes with new opportunities and skills that will last a lifetime. Participants in the program may secure an internship or job opportunity, decide to develop their own businesses, or learn skills that will benefit them in school or their chosen careers.

**Cerritos Sports Complex Micro Turbine Project.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Cerritos located at 18025 Bloomfield Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703. Amount requested: \$200,000. The purpose of the requested funds is to construct a 30 kilowatt landfill gas micro turbine generating facility at the Cerritos Sports Complex. The facility would include one small micro turbine and gas scrubbing and compression equipment configured to operate during on-peak billing periods. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the new 30 kW facility would reduce on-peak demands for electricity from fossil-fueled generating plants. The project will carry out a core Department of Energy mission of investing in clean energy sources and promoting energy efficiency in ways highly visible to the public.

**City Hall Energy Efficiency Improvements.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of La Mirada located at 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. Amount requested: \$500,000. This purpose of this project is to install energy efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning at the La Mirada City Hall. The current equipment is over 20 years old and is outdated and inefficient. The installation of a high efficiency variable speed drive HVAC

package unit is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce energy consumption and city utility costs and ensure that city hall remains a comfortable setting for local residents to conduct city business. It will also carry out a core Department of Energy mission of investing in clean energy sources and promoting energy efficiency in ways highly visible to the public.

**City of Whittier Emergency Operations Center.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Whittier located at 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$663,000. The purpose of the project is to construct a 2,164 square foot Emergency Operations Center in Whittier that will house personnel, communications, and equipment to ensure continuity of operations in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Whittier is an excellent candidate for such a project because it is located on a branch of a major earthquake fault that was the center of the 5.9 scale Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 that killed 8 people, destroyed 33 buildings in the city, caused over 1,400 gas leaks, ignited numerous gas leak fires, and caused over \$30 million in property damage in the city. In addition to being located on a major earthquake fault, the city regularly suffers and is threatened by hillside wildfires. Its current facility is inadequate. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help ensure continuity of emergency government operations and a robust response for any future natural or manmade disasters.

**Community Center Improvements.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Lakewood. 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712. Amount requested: \$128,000. The purpose of this project is to redesign and renovate a portion of the Burns Community Center in Lakewood to include a new computer center. This project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit over 1,300 senior citizens who use the center.

**Community Technology Center.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Mexican American Opportunity Foundation located at 2110 E. Florence Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90255. Amount requested: \$252,000. The purpose of this project is to expand and operate the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation's Community Technology Center as a model community-based computer laboratory and tutoring center. It would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would serve several hundred underserved students in the Florence-Firestone area. Local leaders in aerospace would volunteer as tutors/mentors to provide training in the very important science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields that prepare students to excel in college and the 21st Century high-tech economy.

**Computers for South Whittier Kids.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: South Whittier School District, located at 10120 South Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605. Amount requested: \$300,000. The purpose of the project is to provide two computers for each of 150 classrooms in the South Whittier School District. The current lack of up-to-date computers in every classroom creates a learning gap for students and reduces research, collaboration, and other academic opportunities. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would encourage student research and increase student willingness to learn, which can help these children over the long term in their education. Additionally, students would enter the upper grades with computer skills they might not otherwise acquire.

**Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Whittier City School District, located at 7211 South Whittier Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$150,000. The purpose of the project is to create an early drop-off program

and expand an existing late pick-up program at ten pre-school and elementary school sites in the Whittier City School District. The program would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a safe and academically-enriching environment for students. The project is needed now more than ever because changes in the local economy can make parents' work schedules more demanding and less predictable.

**East Asian Security Studies Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Whittier College. 13406 Philadelphia Street, Whittier, CA 90608. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of this project is to expand language course development and language centers; enhance international economics and military security curriculum, and provide opportunities to study abroad and participate in globalization conferences. The program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is preparing the next generation of American political and business leaders to effectively promote U.S. interests in East Asia.

**Eco-Gardener Business Training.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Water Replenishment District of Southern California located at 4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712. Amount requested: \$100,000. The purpose of this program is to teach professional gardeners "green" gardening and water conservation techniques along with best management practices for small businesses. When informal gardening businesses are formalized with proper permits, they learn to grow their business, and water usage is reduced in drought-prone Southern California. Green gardeners are expected to reduce water usage by about 50%. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help our environment, decrease water bills for local residents, and help local small businesses expand and increase employment.

**Environmental Job Training Program for Youth At-Risk in Southeast Los Angeles County.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Conservation Corps of Long Beach located at 340 Nieto Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814. Amount requested: \$300,000. The purpose of the project is to expand a successful youth job training program that supervises, trains, and temporarily employs youth at-risk. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it gives youth at-risk job skills while the jobs they perform help the local community. Youth work on supervised local projects for park and playground construction and environmental clean-up. This program has a successful record of steering youth at-risk away from crime and towards well-paying, permanent jobs.

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**Fall Prevention, Balance, and Mobility Program (Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital).** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital located at 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$32,700. The purpose of the project is to add an exercise and fall prevention component to the senior health programs of the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds

because it would increase senior independence and reduce the costs associated with senior falls to local seniors, their families, and the Medicare system.

**Food Banks in Southeast Los Angeles County.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: County of Los Angeles, Community and Senior Services located at 3175 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90020. Amount requested: \$150,000. The purpose of this project is to provide needed equipment to non-profit food banks serving communities of southeast Los Angeles County. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will enable these food banks to meet a growing need for their services among the recently unemployed and other vulnerable members of our communities.

**Gang Alternatives Program for Southeast Los Angeles County.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Gang Alternatives Program, 309 W. Opp Street, Los Angeles, CA 90744. Amount requested: \$225,000. The purpose of this program is to provide multi-week educational seminars at public schools to 4th grade students and their parents on strategies to avoid gang involvement and bullying. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds to reduce gang involvement, bullying, and violence in the high-crime areas where the program is delivered.

**Groundwater Basin Optimization, Los Angeles County, CA.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Water Replenishment District of Southern California located at 4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of the project is to optimize the use of groundwater through a series of extraction wells in the area of the Montebello/Whittier Narrows spreading grounds with pipelines to deliver the water to local communities and increase the water absorption capacity of the spreading grounds. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will lead to the extraction of over 8 billion gallons of water annually and allow for the additional capture of stormwater that would otherwise be lost to the ocean. This will provide enough extra drinking water for over 100,000 people each year. It will also conserve stormwater runoff; save up to \$5 million annually in imported water costs; increase protection against droughts; safeguard more local water supplies against interruptions of supply from earthquakes, flooding, and other natural disasters outside our area.

**H.O.W. House.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Center for Recovery from Compulsivities, Inc., located at 14100 Glengyle Street, Whittier, CA 90604. Amount requested: \$132,960. The purpose of the project is to hire new staff, pay current volunteer staff, and improve benefits in order to provide more effective and expanded counseling and specialized services to more people with substance abuse problems. Services would include case management and counseling. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will increase the likelihood that attendees will stay in the program, thereby reducing turnover rates and result in longer term sobriety for these individuals.

**Hawaiian Gardens Drop Out Intervention Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: ABC Unified School District, located at 17600 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703. Amount requested: \$137,700. The purpose of the project is to expand an existing and successful drop-out prevention and intervention program. Funds will pay for school counselors who will focus on at-risk youth and provide classroom presentations, discussion groups, home visits, excursions, guest speakers, and homework assistance. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the number of youth dropping out of school and joining gangs and

gang-related violence in Hawaiian Gardens and steer those youth to more productive futures. The project will also lead to greater economic prosperity in the area because high school graduates have higher lifetime income prospects than non-graduates.

**Hawaiian Gardens Gang Prevention/Drop Out Intervention Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: ABC Unified School District, 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703. Amount requested: \$132,000. The purpose of the project is to help Hawaiian Gardens youth at-risk to stay in school and out of gangs and crime. Counselors will provide classroom presentations, discussion groups, home visits, employment training, excursions, guest speakers, and homework assistance to participating youth. The program will be a collaboration with the ABC Unified School District and City of Hawaiian Gardens to maximize resources. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the number of drop-outs and gang- and crime-involved youth in Hawaiian Gardens. High school graduates also contribute to their community because they have higher lifetime income prospects than non-graduates.

**Health Information Technology.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: American Indian Healing Center, Inc., located at 12456 East Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$65,590. The purpose of the project is to implement a Disease Registry/Chronic Disease Management System at the American Indian Healing Center to better track the clinical performance of patients, improve clinical outcomes and demonstrate that cost effective primary care administered in a culturally competent ambulatory setting produces meaningful, sustainable improvements in the health status of an urban American Indian population. The project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce medical errors and increase staff's ability to manage this urban American Indian population's chronic diseases for healthier outcomes. Reduction in medical errors is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it reduces overall medical costs for everyone. Additionally, these funds would assist one of the most vulnerable populations in the US. American Indians have among the highest rates of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, arthritis, morbid obesity and the lowest family incomes of all ethnic groups in the U.S. population.

**I-LEAD (Inspiring Leadership, Enrichments, Academic Success & Dreams) Demonstration Project.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project located at 9200 Colima Road, Suite 104, Whittier, CA 90605. Amount requested: \$64,237. The purpose of the project is to increase academic performance at Frontier Continuation High School, which has experienced a reduction in its API score and has been placed on the Federal Intervention Program watch list. Ninety-three percent of Frontier's students are from low-income families. This project would utilize an evidence-based on-line tutorial program to increase student academic performance and graduation rates, which is a valuable use of taxpayer funds. Receipt of a high school diploma has a positive affect on our communities. It increases the likelihood of students attending college; produces a stronger job applicant pool and workforce; and reduces crime rates.

**LBUSD Credit Recovery Pilot Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Long Beach Unified School District, located at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810. Amount requested: \$288,000. The purpose of the project is to increase the graduation rate of LBUSD students. The requested funds would be used to provide a supervised on-site independent study pilot program for 1,100 credit deficient students most at-risk of not graduating. These students would receive an opportunity to make-up class credits, to receive

intense counseling services, and to be mentored/tutored by an undergraduate Social Work intern. The program would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help more students graduate from LBUSD, making them more ready for college, vocational training, or a career. The program would also benefit the community because high school graduates have higher lifetime income prospects than non-graduates.

**LED Street Lighting Energy Efficiency Retrofit (Watts).** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Street Lighting, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Amount requested: \$100,000. The purpose of the project is to install energy-efficient lighting in the Watts areas of the City of Los Angeles. The City would replace 250 existing streetlight fixtures with Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures. The project is valuable to taxpayers because it will save money and reduce pollution. LED fixtures will consume at least 40% less energy than the existing fixtures. These new fixtures also have two to three times the life span of the existing fixtures and require less maintenance. The conversion will reduce carbon emissions by approximately 75 tons per year. The City will realize annual energy savings of \$18,000. This project will also carry out a core Department of Energy mission of investing in clean energy sources and promoting energy efficiency in ways highly visible to the public.

**Lynwood Health Center Facility Relocation and Improvement.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: JWCH Institute, Inc. located at 3591 Imperial Hwy Lynwood, CA 90262. Amount requested: \$170,000. The purpose of the project is to enable the JWCH Institute, Inc., a non-profit, section 330 Federally Qualified Health Center, to move to a new location to serve more clients. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the JWCH Institute, Inc. provides medical care to all, regardless of ability to pay. JWCH Institute, Inc. also provides a number of important health education programs including HIV testing and prevention services, teen pregnancy prevention counseling and groups, mobile medical services, housing for people with HIV/AIDS and homeless persons.

**Mobile Business Assistance Center.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Hub Cities Consortium located at 2677 Zoe Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255. Amount requested: \$217,000. The purpose of this project is to staff an existing Mobile Business Assistance Center to bring on-site services and training to small businesses and employees in southeast L.A. County. Hub Cities Consortium will partner with the Southeast Community Development Corporation, which will make available its 37 ft. RV to deliver mobile business services to over 250 firms during the length of the project. Services provided will include needs assessment reviews; information on loans, tax credits and other resources; recruitment assistance; specialized training; and individual consultations. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help local small businesses grow and provide additional employment opportunities for local residents.

**MudTown Farms Educational Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Watts Labor Community Action Committee located at 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059. Amount requested: \$50,000. The purpose of this project is to fund planning activities for an urban farm in Watts. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds to help develop a program that will provide fresh produce, training, after-school programs, and job opportunities to schools and residents of surrounding neighborhoods and housing projects in Watts.



**Paramount Blvd. Improvements.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Long Beach. 333 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of this project is to improve Paramount Blvd. with new medians, upgrades of existing traffic signals, and the addition of two catch basins. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as it will improve roadway safety and stormwater flow and reduce water pollution from roadways.

**Park Infrastructure.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Lynwood located at 11330 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of this project is to help fund infrastructure at a new park in the City of Lynwood where there is a severe deficiency of park space. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide recreation and open space for city residents.

**Project Action Drop Out Prevention Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: East Whittier City School District, located at 14535 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90605. Amount requested: \$229,409. The purpose of the Project Action Drop Out Prevention Program is to provide homeless children and the children of incarcerated parents with the out-of-classroom support they need to succeed inside the classroom. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because homeless children and children of incarcerated parents are some of the most underserved and disenfranchised student populations, which contribute to their vulnerability for at-risk behavior. The funding would increase student achievement, preparing students to succeed academically in later years and become productive members of society.

**Project Linking Learning.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Los Angeles Unified School District, located at 333 South Beaudry Ave., 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90001. Amount requested: \$110,120. The purpose of this project is to create a targeted program to address diverse, at-risk gifted/potentially gifted learners in the 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The program is a comprehensive, school-based model that includes an after-school program for gifted students with low rates of gifted identification in grades two through five. This project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that gifted and talented students get the enrichment they need to stay in school and excel, regardless of income or ethnic background. The more gifted and talented students LAUSD can identify and serve, the more opportunities will be open to young people in our community.

**Ramona Park Improvements.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Long Beach located at 333 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802. Amount requested: \$250,000. The purpose of this project is to renovate restrooms and install irrigation, landscaping, and lighting in Ramona Park. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will upgrade and modernize a 50 year old, seven-acre park that plays a vital role in the neighborhood of north Long Beach.

**Realignment of Telegraph Rd.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of La Mirada located at 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of this project is to design and construct a realignment of a short, curvy section of Telegraph Rd. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

**Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Water Replenishment District of Southern California located at 4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712. Amount requested: \$880,000. Recent U.S. Geological Survey investigations show evidence that prolific aquifers may exist over 2,000 feet deep in the Los Angeles area. The purpose of this project is to construct one groundwater monitoring well in a deep portion of this area. Construction of the deep aquifer well will allow the WRD to investigate an untapped portion of the basin for potential new groundwater supply and provide information that will help monitor the groundwater in the vicinity. The well will also play a critical role in a network of wells used to manage the underground water basins; detect groundwater contamination; and track water levels and changes in groundwater storage. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program can help reduce Southern California's reliance on imported water. Additionally, the project is valuable because it furthers the WRD's mission to monitor and protect the quality of the groundwater for the health and quality of living for the general public.

**School Resource Officer for Mayfair High School.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Bellflower Unified School District, 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower, CA 90706. Amount requested: \$68,000. The purpose of the project is to provide a School Resource Officer from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for Mayfair High School in Lakewood, CA. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help maintain safe conditions at Mayfair High School and build on positive student-law enforcement interactions.

**School Resource Officer Program (South Gate).** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of South Gate, 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of the project is to provide uniformed resource officers in South Gate schools. Reaching the city's youth and providing positive direction for them is vital to South Gate citizens and the future of the city. Continuing this program will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds to because it has shown success in maintaining safe schools and creating positive student-law enforcement relations.

**Seniors Case Management Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA), located at 10400 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, CA 90607. Amount requested: \$150,000. The purpose of this project is to expand the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority's Seniors Case Management Program by three staff to serve a total of 120 low and moderate income seniors each month within the organization's service area. As the senior population continues to grow, the economy worsens, and housing, health care, food, and energy costs rise, the need for such case management services is increasing. The project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help more seniors in our region live independently and with dignity.

**Small Business Resources to Local South Gate Businesses.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: South Gate Chamber of Commerce located at 3350 Tweedy Blvd South Gate, CA 90280. Amount requested: \$85,000. The purpose of this project is to provide training at little or no cost to small businesses on topics such as planning, workers compensation, and SBA loan guidelines. It will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help small businesses develop and expand employment opportunities in our community.

**Solar Lighting for Artesia Parks.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Artesia located at 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. Amount requested: \$250,000. The purpose of the project is to install solar powered lights with battery backups to replace existing lights in several parks and adjoining parking lots. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will lower green house gas emissions and reduce the city's long term energy costs.

**South Gate Streetlight Replacement Project.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of South Gate located at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of the requested funds is to update the City of South Gate's antiquated streetlight system. There are over 3,000 series circuit streetlights in the City that consume an excessive amount of energy and need to be upgraded, replaced, and converted to energy efficient lighting. Conversion of these lights from "series circuit street lights" to "multiple circuit street lights" would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the conversion would reduce energy consumption by 75%. Current equipment is obsolete and replacement parts can only be obtained through expensive salvage. The project will also carry out a core Department of Energy mission of promoting energy efficiency in ways highly visible to the public.

**Southland/Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies Alternative Fuels Lab.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Cerritos Community College District located at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. Amount requested: \$293,800. The purpose of the project is to enable Cerritos College to expand its current automotive training in hybrid, alternative fuels, and renewable energies by outfitting a state-of-the-art automotive training laboratory. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide improved job training opportunities for local residents.

**St. Francis Career College Training and Capital Upgrade Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: St. Francis Medical Center Foundation located at 3630 East Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262. Amount requested: \$445,000. The purpose of the project is to extend and expand St. Francis Career College's innovative and multi-disciplinary health career programs for low-income youth and adults in an underserved area of Los Angeles County. With federal funds, St. Francis Career College will be able to provide more students with financial and technological support to gain nurse training. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will increase job training opportunities for local residents and provide an increased number of locally trained nurses. Nursing is a high-pay, high-demand profession that will help local residents work their way out of poverty.

**Steps To Success Domestic Violence Recovery Project.** The entity requesting this project is: South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency, 17918 S. Pioneer Blvd., Suite 204, Artesia, CA 90701. Amount requested: \$69,000. The purpose of the project is to aid victims of domestic violence of South Asian descent living in southeast L.A. County, and their families, by providing counseling and mental health services, life skills and employment training, and transitional housing. There is currently a shortage of necessary services in the southeast LA County area, and providing these vital services to domestic violence victims and their children would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

**Talking In Class Conflict Resolution Courses.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: California Conference for Equality and Justice, 444 W. Ocean Blvd., Ste. 940, Long Beach, CA

90802. Amount requested: \$75,000. The purpose of the project is to present a human relations educational program called 'Talking in Class' to middle and high school classes in southeast Los Angeles County. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will train students how to effectively address issues of culture, communication, and peaceful conflict resolution on campus and in their community.

**Traffic Signal Improvements.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Lakewood. 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712. Amount requested: \$240,000. The purpose of this project is to upgrade traffic signals along major traffic corridors in Lakewood. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety and efficient traffic flow in this suburban area.

**Urban Teaching Academy for Math and Science Teachers.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: California State University, Long Beach Foundation located at 6300 State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach, CA 90815. Amount requested: \$300,000. The purpose of this project is to enhance the teaching and learning of science and math in the 39th Congressional District by improving the training received by existing and new math and science teachers in local school districts. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because better teaching in these critical areas will lead to better student understanding, interest, and achievement. Delivering improved instruction in math and science will also carry out a core Department of Energy mission of developing the next generation of engineers and scientists to maintain U.S. scientific primacy.

**Water Treatment Facility.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of South Gate located at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280. Amount requested: \$400,000. The purpose of this project is to design, construct, and install two water treatment plants to reduce manganese levels from two drinking water wells used in the City of South Gate. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would ensure that drinking water wells can remain fully operational and supply clean water for the citizens of South Gate.

**Watts/Willowbrook Demonstration Project to Raise Breastfeeding Rates.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Watts Healthcare Corporation, located at 10300 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002. Amount requested: \$250,000. The purpose of the project is to improve breastfeeding rates among underserved women in the Watts-Willowbrook area of Los Angeles County. Funds requested would train and educate Watts Healthcare Corp. staff in Watts and Willowbrook in the best practices of teaching breastfeeding to expectant and new mothers. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the health of both child and mother across a lifetime. Breastfeeding has been shown to reduce obesity, asthma, and other chronic diseases.

**Whittier College Science and Mathematics Initiative.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Whittier College located at 13406 Philadelphia Street, Whittier, CA 90608. Amount requested: \$500,000. The purpose of this project is to: (1) expand Whittier College's science and math enrichment education for elementary, middle, and high school teachers and students in the Whittier area, and (2) outfit a new science lab at the college. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve science teaching, learning, and research at Whittier College and in the surrounding communities. The project will also carry out a core Department

of Energy mission of delivering scientific facilities and training the next generation of scientists and engineers needed for U.S. scientific primacy.

**Whittier Union High School District Recovery and Re-Entry Project.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Whittier Union High School District, located at: 9401 South Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605. Amount requested: \$164,994. The purpose of this project is to expand a successful program to intensively outreach to students showing signs of dropping out of school and increase the number of them staying in school and graduating. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will increase graduation rates, improve the economic performance of these youth in the future, and reduce the social problems and costs that can occur from high drop out rates.

**Whittier YMCA Reach For the Stars.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: YMCA of Greater Whittier located at 12510 E. Hadley St., Whittier, CA 90601. Amount requested: \$122,500. This project will extend an ongoing after school enrichment program for low-income children to the summer months. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports academic enrichment when the school year is completed; offers physical activity through YMCA activities; and keeps children safe.

**Whittier, CA.** (“Whittier, CA” is the official Army Corps of Engineers designation for this project). The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Whittier located at 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. Amount requested: \$400,000. The purpose of this project is to initiate the feasibility portion of the City of Whittier’s water and wastewater infrastructure program. The project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will rehabilitate and replace a water pipeline, reservoir, and pump facilities in order to increase water supply and reliability in Whittier.

**Women in Transition Support – A Re-Entry Program for Female Offenders.** The entity to receive funding for this project is n-ACTION, located at P.O. Box 1715, La Mirada, CA 90637. Amount requested: \$10,200. The purpose of this project is to reduce recidivism rates among female offenders. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help low-income female offenders by providing a 16-Week Life Skills and Empowerment Support Program. Classes will address anger management, domestic violence, job preparation, housing, and accessing community resources. n-ACTION provides much needed life skills for women offenders as they transition from incarceration back into the community. This helps the community’s economy as the women become contributing members of society, and it reduces the costs to society associated with recidivism.

**Youth Employment Readiness Program.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Lynwood, located at 11330 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262. Amount requested: \$150,000. The purpose of this project is to enhance Lynwood’s existing Workforce Development Program, with a focus on youth at-risk. This program will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide opportunities to use hands-on work skills development while working with professional human resources staff. It will provide opportunities for at-risk youth to explore municipal careers, develop a career plan, and receive skills-based training under the guidance of a dedicated mentor. It will provide these youth with reasons to stay in school and obtain a high school diploma, opening the door for future job opportunities.

**Youth Violence Prevention Project.** The entity to receive funding for this project is: Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc., 12440 E. Firestone Blvd., Suite 1000, Norwalk, CA 90650. Amount requested: \$70,000. The purpose of the project is to provide intervention services to gang-involved youth ages 8-18 and their families, including individual, group and family counseling; gang intervention; drug and alcohol counseling; anger management, conflict resolution and life skills training; community-building projects; and support and education for parents and caregivers. This will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will steer gang-involved youth away from trouble and toward a more productive lifestyle.