

Thank you so much for your interest in the FY10 Appropriations process. During these serious economic times, it is important to protect the integrity of the process and to assure the proper use of taxpayers' money. Appropriations can be a long and multi-step process. Therefore, I look forward to working with each of you to ensure that much needed dollars are brought back to the people of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, whether through Congressional appropriations, the *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act* "economic stimulus" funding, or through the federal grant process.

Very Truly Yours,



Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress

## **FY10 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS**

Advanced Transit Program/ METRO Solutions Bus Expansion

Submitted by: Metropolitan Transit Authority

1900 Main Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$75,000,000
- Project requested to expand the Houston Park and Ride System and to purchase replacement buses for the Houston METRO fleet. These purchases will contribute to the development and revitalization of the public transportation systems in Houston by maximizing mobility, minimizing environmental impacts, and minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption.

Advanced Transit Program/ METRO Solutions Phase 2

Submitted by: Metropolitan Transit Authority

1900 Main Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$75,000,000
- Project requested to implement a light and commuter rail in order to increase connectivity to major destinations (Texas Southern University, University of Houston, and North and Southeast corridors of Houston), lessen traffic congestion, and facilitate economic growth in the Houston area.

Asia Society Texas Center/Park and Ride Facility

Submitted by: Asia Society Texas Center

1370 Southmore Blvd

Houston, Texas 77004

- \$500,000
- Project requested to place the Regional Center on the south parcel of land while reserving the north side for green spaces and landscaped parking. The Park-and-Ride Facility will designate certain spaces for those individuals looking to take advantage of alternate modes of transportation.

Asia Society Texas Center/Construction  
Submitted by: Asia Society Texas Center  
1370 Southmore Blvd  
Houston, Texas 77004

- \$5,000,000
- Project requested to construct a museum and learning center for students and families on Asian culture and art.

Barbara Jordan/ Mickey Leland Archive Preservation Project  
Submitted by: Texas Southern University, Robert Terry Library and Mickey Leland Center  
3100 Cleburne  
Houston, TX 77004

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to archive and preserve important documents donated to TSU by the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland in order make these documents available for public use.

Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH) Asian American Needs Assessment  
Submitted by: University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77030

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to fund survey collecting information on health status and health needs as well as health knowledge, practices, and attitudes toward major health concerns, including environment, cancer, heart disease, and diabetes in Asian American's residing in Harris, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Brazoria counties.

Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH) Health Awareness, Education, Awareness, Research and Training Consortium  
Submitted by: University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77030

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to decrease disparities in health between racial/ethnic populations and the poor of this nation by funding infrastructure development of the Center for Minority Research.

Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH) Prostrate Cancer Outreach Project  
Submitted by: University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77030

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to support medical strategies to aid underserved minority males by promoting prostate cancer awareness, education, and early detection with the ultimate goal of eliminating health care disparities in our country.

Center to End the Trafficking and Exploitation of Children  
Submitted by: Children at Risk  
2900 Wesleyan, Suite 400  
Houston, TX 77027

- \$500,000
- Project requested to generate solutions to the human trafficking and exploitation of children through strategic research studies related to the I-10 corridor - one of the main U.S. human trafficking routes.

Children's Memorial Hermann Autism Program  
Submitted by: Memorial Herman Hospital  
9401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1200

Houston, TX 77074

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to provide a new Autism Center at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital which will provide comprehensive, high quality pediatric health programs for autism in the Texas Medical Center.

Clean Fuel Downtown Transit Circulator

Submitted by: Houston Downtown Management District

909 Fannin, Suite 1650

Houston, TX 77010

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to provide environmentally friendly transportation option in the heart of Downtown Houston by purchasing circulator buses and providing fueling station requirements.

Community Health Program Digital Radiology System

Submitted by: Harris County Hospital District

2525 Holly Hall

Houston, TX 77054

- \$500,000
- Project requested to acquire a new direct capture system which will increase clinic availability, reduce appointment wait time, reduce technical repeats, and improve the efficiency of community health care centers

Department of Homeland Security Minority Leaders Program

Submitted by: LL Clarkson Aerospace

2320 La Branch, Suite 2014

Houston, TX 77004

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to initiate funding for a partnership between a small disadvantaged business and historically black colleges, universities, and minority institutions to do research in the areas of energetic materials and threat analysis techniques.

Drop-Out Prevention Initiative

Submitted by: Houston Works USA

2118 Smith Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to decrease a 12% drop-out rate in Houston by engaging youth and young adults in activities and opportunities that will enable them to become productive citizens.

Employment for Veterans Initiative

Submitted by: Houston Works USA

2118 Smith Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to provide services to assist veterans in their readjustment to the civilian workforce. One out of eleven wounded soldiers in Iraq or Afghanistan resides in Texas, and this project will enable them to smoothly transition through employment and training.

Energy to Education Initiative

Submitted by: Houston Works USA

2118 Smith Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$500,000

- Project requested to implement a two phase program for middle school youth which will introduce students to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to increase awareness of science and engineering careers to recruit youth for future energy and science careers.

#### Geographical Information System Implementation

Submitted by: Texas Medical Center

2450 Holcombe Boulevard

Houston, TX 77021

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to survey and research existing utilities, easements, and land ownerships in preparation for a predicted future growth of 12 million square feet by 2014.

#### GRB Protective Window Film and Power Transfer Switches

Submitted by: City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security

900 Bagby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Houston, TX 77002

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to enhance safety capabilities of the George R. Brown Convention Center (which has served around 20,000 people in emergencies and evacuations) to maintain critical evacuation, repatriation, and shelter operations in Houston.

#### Greater Southeast Management District Houston Museum District Pedestrian and Transit Access Plan

Submitted by: Greater Southeast Management District

3200 Travis, #200

Houston, TX 77006

- \$3,000,000
- Project requested to improve sidewalks, street furniture, and landscaping to improve safety and security for pedestrians, aesthetics, transit ridership, congestion, and visual community in the pedestrian space

#### Greater Southeast Management District Intermodal Transit Terminal

Submitted by: Greater Southeast Management District

3200 Travis, #200

Houston, TX 77006

- \$3,000,000
- Project requested to provide a transit terminal to serve the local area which will assist the region in meeting federal quality goals by enhancing transit ridership, reducing congestion, and reducing pollution

#### Health Care Simulation Regional Training Center

Submitted by: Lone Star College System

2700 W. W. Thorne Drive

Houston, TX 77073

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to develop a regional health care simulation center that will increase the nurses and health care workers educated to meet the needs of the growing and aging community.

#### High Efficiency Solar Energy Generation and Storage

Submitted by: University of Houston

1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 820

Austin, TX

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to develop green technology such as affordable energy solutions, lightweight solar cells, and high density storage batteries. This technology will promote green driven technology and employment and cater to the Armed Force's strategic needs.

#### Houston Interoperability Initiative

Submitted by: City of Houston  
901 Bagby  
Houston, TX 77002

- \$3,710,000
- Project requested to fund interoperable communications equipment for its first responders. The City is implementing a new, 700MHz, P25-compliant trunked public safety radio system that will provide full and continuous interoperability with the 800MHz regional radio system owned and operated by Harris County.

#### Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels Project (Maintenance)

Submitted by: The Port of Houston Authority  
P.O. Box 2562  
Houston, TX 77252

- \$30,000,000
- Project requested to fund the maintenance and operations of the Houston Ship Channel.

#### Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels Project (General)

Submitted by: The Port of Houston Authority  
P.O. Box 2562  
Houston, TX 77252

- \$58,350,000
- Project requested to support general construction on the Port of Houston to ensure that the Ship Channel will continue to provide a safe and efficient navigation.

#### Alliance for I-69 Texas

Submitted by: Federal Highway Administration  
1200 Smith Street, Suite 700  
Houston, TX 77002

- \$500,000
- Project requested to expedite federal review and approval of environmental studies of I-69. Completion of I-69 will enhance economic development and provide more efficient access to the Port of Houston and overall transportation for the Houston area.

#### Information Management System at the National Center for Human Performance

Submitted by: Texas Medical Center  
2450 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77021

- \$2,000,000
- Project requested to develop a database which will store information concerning different variables of human performance in a wide range of areas. The database will provide the best, most accurate and detailed information to patients which will result in increased health and productivity.

#### Juvenile Justice Initiative

Submitted by: Houston Works USA  
2118 Smith Street  
Houston, TX 77002

- \$2,000,000
- Project requested to develop holistic approach to working with youth through preventative programs and educational and rehabilitative services. This initiative will provide disadvantaged youth with the necessary tools to identify their problem areas and work to get on track toward graduation.

#### Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Lab

Submitted by: Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Lab  
7000 Fannin Street, Suite 700  
Houston, TX 77225

- \$2,600,000

- Project requested to enhance the largest air toxics study in the Houston area. The study will help the Houston region better understand how air toxics affect sensitive populations including minorities and children.

NASA Science and Technology Initiative

Submitted by: Houston Works USA

2118 Smith Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to develop programs which will support students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This initiative will assist the Department of Energy in meeting future workforce needs by producing more students that will major in critical areas of science.

National Offshore Wind Energy Center

Submitted by: University of Houston

1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 820

Houston, TX 78701

- \$15,000,000
- Project requested to develop a National Offshore Wind Energy Center which will support basic research, large wind turbine testing and development, demonstration program, regulatory program, and technology transfer.

National Security Support Complex

Submitted by: University of Houston

3855 Holman Street, Garrison Room 109

Houston, TX 77204

- \$500,000
- Project requested to combine multiple University of Houston programs into a focused structure to address state and national security issues.

New Technologies for Clean, Sustainable and Renewable Power Generation

Submitted by: University of Houston

1005 Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to develop resources that will enable clean, sustainable, and renewable energy by developing research programs, state-of-the art facilities, and outreach programs to promote energy that has a minimal impact on the environment.

Outdoor Educational Center

Submitted by: Houston Independent School District

4400 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Houston, TX 77092

- \$555,000
- Project requested for construction of outdoor educational centers in elementary school in the Houston Independent School District which will be designed to increase student's awareness of nature and provide hands-on learning experiences.

Public Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Analysis

Submitted by: Texas Medical Center

2450 Holcombe Boulevard

Houston, TX 77021

- \$500,000
- Project requested to study infrastructure needs regarding fresh water and wastewater supplies at the Mid and South Campuses of the Texas Medical Center. Texas Medical Center Employment if estimated to grow

to over 100,000 employees in the next 7 years, and this study will enable the Texas Medical Center to estimate future infrastructure needs.

#### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiatives (S.T.E.M)

Submitted by: Houston Works USA

2118 Smith Street

Houston, TX 77002

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to initiate a two-phase program that will introduce middle school students to science and technology. S.T.E.M. will grow future engineers and scientist that will result in scientific outcomes that will provide energy savings and strengthen our energy security.

#### Simulated Training Command Center for Disaster Incidents

Submitted by: Lone Star College System

2700 W.W. Thorne Drive

Houston, TX 77073

- \$500,000
- Project requested to provide state-of-the-art emergency services and simulation technology training. The center will provide simulated scenarios which will better prepare responders to react appropriately in emergency situations.

#### Small Business Solutions

Submitted by: Houston Community College

3100 Main Street, Suite 12E, 01

Houston, TX 77002

- \$200,000
- Project requested to develop and offer certificate programs which would focus on helping small business entrepreneurs by examining the effect of language and cultural perspective on Houston businesses and specialty non-traditional topics.

#### Sub-Regional Transportation Study

Submitted by: Houston-Galveston Council

2450 Holcombe Boulevard

Houston, TX 77021

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to pinpoint mobility improvement to develop a more efficient and effective multimodal transportation system in the Texas Medical Center which would invite community input, aesthetic and functional aspects of the transportation facilities, interagency coordination, and prioritization.

#### Sustainable Building and Energy Practices – Houston Zoo Giraffe Barn

Submitted by: Houston Zoo, Inc.

1513 North MacGregor

Houston, TX 77030

- \$125,000
- Project requested to capitalize development on the new African Forest as an opportunity to model good energy and environmental stewardship practices as measured by achievement of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

#### Teacher Quality and Retention Program

Submitted by: Thurgood Marshall College Fund

901 F Street, NW, Suite 501

Washington, DC 20004

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to promote instructor quality and retention in America's public school districts with critical teacher shortages. It is designed to improve student performance by increasing the knowledge base,

attitude, performance and retention of teachers, as well as, provide career guidance job search and placement support help.

The University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center  
Submitted by: The University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center  
2800 South MacGregor Way  
Houston, TX 77021

- \$500,000
- Project requested to renovate the Psychiatric Center to improve the safety and comfort of the patients and staff. With improvements, the center would be able to serve as a model for early identification and treatment of mental illness.

University of Houston and North Forest Independent School District Achievement Matters Partnership  
Submitted by: University of Houston  
3855 Holman  
Houston, TX 77204

- \$1,000,000
- Project requested to allow the University to provide professional development and mentoring for teachers as well as academic enrichment and support for disadvantaged youth in the K12 school district.