

LABOR, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

FY 2011 PROJECT REQUESTS

CONGRESSMAN PAUL TONKO NY-21

Project Name: LEED-Certified Skilled Nursing Facility in Schenectady County

Amount: \$7,000,000

Recipient: County of Schenectady

County Office Building

620 State Street

Schenectady, NY 12305

Project Summary As the only LEED-certified skilled nursing facility in New York State, the new Glendale Home will be a modern energy-efficiency facility serving as a template for other LEED-certified skilled nursing facilities in the state. Federal funding will help enable the County to undertake this major project, saving 230 local jobs, creating 620 jobs, and stimulating the local economy through the construction of the new facility. Federal funding will also assist the County in lowering its carbon footprint through the reduction of energy use.

Project Name: Advanced Patient Safety at St. Peter's Hospital

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: St. Peter's Hospital of the City of Albany

315 South Manning Boulevard

Albany, NY 12208

Project Summary: Federal funding would support the purchase of new hospital beds for St. Peter's Hospital. The beds will include safety features that will decrease the risk of patient falls and development of pressure ulcers, ultimately improving patient quality of care. By replacing outdated hospital beds with new ones that have safety features, the hospital expects to reduce the number of patients who fall or acquire pressure ulcers at St. Peter's Hospital. More than 3,000 individuals admitted to St. Peter's Hospital are expected to benefit from this investment annually.

Project Name: Ellis Hospital Emergency Department Expansion

Amount: \$1,500,000

Recipient: Ellis Hospital

1101 Nott Street

Schenectady, NY 12308

Project Summary: Expanding the Emergency Department at Ellis Hospital will enable the hospital to better meet the growing emergency care needs of their patients. The expanded facilities will improve the quality of health care by reducing waiting times for patients seeking emergency care, and by freeing up space for lower-cost, more appropriate treatment options. The expansion will initially employ about 140-160 construction workers and, by improving the cost-

effectiveness of delivering care, will help to retain employment at Ellis Hospital, which currently employs about 3,400 people.

Project Name: Home Telemonitoring

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Community Health Care Services Foundation, Inc.

99 Troy Road

Suite 200

East Greenbush, NY 12061

Project Summary: Federal funding for home telemonitoring will support 50 remote patient monitors and supplies for use in five home care agencies with an estimated 250 adult home care patients receiving post acute care or with chronic illness in rural areas. The goals of the program are to demonstrate improved clinical management of post-acute care and chronic disease in the older population; reduce overall health care; address health care provider shortages by improving access to quality health care and better coordination of care for adults living in rural and medically underserved communities; increase acceptance of patient telemonitoring equipment by patients and home care personnel; and improve patient satisfaction, patient control over their own care and quality of life.

Project Name: ACPHS Toxicology Lab

Amount: \$250,000

Recipient: Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

106 New Scotland Avenue

Albany, NY 12208

Project Summary: Federal support will allow the Albany College of Pharmacy to purchase the needed equipment to establish a Pharmaceutical Toxicology Research Center that will enhance the College's role in quality education and fulfill its mission of advancing health care for all. The addition of such a facility would also expand the research capabilities of the College, attract distinguished scientific talent to the campus and allow the school to add academic and research programs in Toxicology and Environmental Health.

Project Name: Increasing Patient Centered Access at Whitney Young Health Services

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Services

920 Lark Drive

Albany, NY 12207

Project Summary: Renovations supported by federal funding will help improve the community centered medical care provided by Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Services, which has been seeing an increase in the number of working and low-income individuals relying on them for health care. Renovations supported by this funding will increase clinical capacity by 38 percent and will complement their efforts to achieve accreditation in 2010 as a patient-centered medical home which focuses on building integrated care management teams throughout the organization.

Project Name: Nathan Littauer Hospital Emergency Department Expansion

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Nathan Littauer Hospital Association

99 East State Street

Gloversville, NY 12078

Project Summary: Nathan Littauer Hospital is Fulton County's only hospital and a major health care provider and employer in the region. Federal support will allow the hospital to continue the expansion of their emergency department to respond to the need for up-to-date and responsive emergency care in the region at a time when they are seeing a downturn in philanthropic support.

Project Name: SBIRT Training and TA for Medical Professionals in NYS

Amount: \$150,000

Recipient: Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of NYS (ASAP)

1 Columbia Place Suite 400

Albany, NY 12207

Project Summary: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based assessment practice that leads to increased identification of individuals in need of addiction treatment and pathways to appropriate treatment services. The Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of NYS project SBIRT Training and Technical Assistance for NYS Medical Professionals will train more physicians to ensure that medical professionals across NYS utilize SBIRT effectively, refer more people to the treatment they need, and accomplish considerable savings for NYS and the federal government when the cost of consequences of untreated addiction are abated.

Project Name: Teacher Externship Program

Amount: \$50,000

Recipient: Capital Chamber Foundation, Inc.

One Computer Drive South

Albany, NY 12205

Project Summary: The Teacher Externship program works to enhance teacher quality by providing middle and high school teachers with an opportunity to work over the summer in a technology intensive local business, giving them the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the demands and challenges of the modern workplace and federal funding will support the continuation of the program.

Project Name: Entrepreneurial Assistance Program

Amount: \$75,000

Recipient: Capital Chamber Foundation

1 Computer Drive South

Colonie, NY 12205

Project Summary: The Entrepreneurial Assistance Program Boot Camp offers an opportunity to targeted underserved populations to become successful entrepreneurs. The need for a workforce building program such as the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program continues to remain high especially during this economic downturn. Entrepreneurship offers a path for getting dislocated workers back to work, for providing a next step in the journey of a woman freeing herself from an abusive situation, teaching retirees new skills and an alternative for those on public assistance. Federal funding will help support the continuation of the program.

Project Name: New York Works -Tech It Out

Amount: \$600,000

Recipient: Center for Economic Growth

63 State Street

Albany, NY 12207

Project Summary: New York Works engages the current workforce, the under and unemployed. The program is designed as a pilot duplicate-able across the state and throughout the country updating curriculae to meet today's most advanced technology while aligning the region's workforce with the needs of high-tech industries encouraging economic development.

Project Name: In-Demand Jobs for At-Risk Schenectady Youth

Amount: \$250,000

Recipient: Northeast Parent & Child Society, Inc.

530 Franklin Street

Schenectady, NY 12305

Project Summary: This project benefits Schenectady County's local economy through the creation of jobs in critical and emerging industries, such as the "oegreen collar" energy efficiency industry which NYS DOL data indicate will require over 11,000 jobs in the next five years.

Project Name: Carver Community Center of Schenectady

Amount: \$150,000

Recipient: Carver Community Center of Schenectady, Inc

700 Craig Street

Schenectady, NY 12307

Project Summary: The ability of families to improve their economic standing is greatly impacted by the abuse of drugs and alcohol. Addiction experts view this as a family disease and a multi-generational problem. This program will combat the problem through family interventions. The goal is to target twenty families in the Hamilton Hill/Vale community. Resources will be utilized to address the addiction of the family member(s) through counseling and if necessary remove the client for a period of time to receive in-patient treatment.

Project Name: Clinical Competency and Patient Safety Center

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Albany Medical College/Albany Medical Center

43 New Scotland Avenue

Albany, NY 12208

Project Summary: The project will improve patient care by enhancing medical training for students, health care providers and first responders. Stimulated interdisciplinary training exercises will assure effective response in medical crisis. An estimated 200 construction jobs are being created by the project. The completed facility will be staffed by 40 faculty and some 80 other professionals and support staff.

Project Name: Wold Center Renewable Energy Programming

Amount: \$965,000

Recipient: Union College

807 Union Street

Schenectady, NY 12308

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Project Name: STEM Robotics

Amount: \$14,614

Recipient: Robert C. Parker School

4254 NY Route 43

Wynantskill, NY 12198

Project Summary: The STEM Robotics program at Robert C. Parker School project will promote several key STEM education opportunities at the school. First, this project help purchase robotics equipment, curriculum, software, computers and pay for teacher training. Secondly, it will advance the implementation of a school-wide interdisciplinary program in which students will explore robotics in math, science, language arts, and social studies. Finally, this project will create a partnership with a local charter school to bring urban youth to participate in a week-long STEM Robotics week with fellow Parker school students.

Project Name: Statewide Road Map for Prevention: Guardians of the Future

Amount: \$117,450

Recipient: Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer (CRAAB!)

125 Wolf Road

Suite 124

Albany, NY 12205

Project Summary: With increasing rates of many types of cancer, developmental disorders and obesity, as well as rising health care costs, it's time for prevention to become the primary approach for healthcare in New York State. Statewide Road Map for Prevention: Guardians of the Future will be a vigorous public education campaign. Spearheaded by four breast cancer organizations in different regions of the state, this program teaches prevention strategies focusing on modifiable risk factors for cancer and other diseases.

Project Name: Portable Handheld Device to Diagnose TBI

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Academic Health Centers Consortium for Mass Casualty Management(AHCC)
701 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Project Summary: The purpose of this study is to develop and validate a prototype of a hand held device that can detect S-100B using a finger stick sample blood, similar to the way that a blood glucose monitor is used. If an accurate and rapid screening test could be used outside the hospital at the point of injury, several key decisions regarding the head injured patient could be made.

Project Name: HealthMatch – Physician recruitment program

Amount: \$150,500

Recipient: Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, Inc.
598 Route 299
Highland, NY 12528

Project Summary: The HealthMatch program is a community-specific initiative, integrated into the overall economic development strategy of its community partners. Through this initiative, communities play an integral role in needs assessment, recruitment incentive program development and recruitment processes. Healthcare is the helm of economic development and it is imperative to the future economic stability and growth of our communities that the healthcare system functions at its highest potential. Primary care physicians are critical to that end result. Replication of this program across the Catskill Hudson AHEC 11-county region, which includes Schoharie County, will benefit the many rural communities that currently, and in the future will face critical shortages of healthcare providers.

Project Name: Institute for Nanoscale Technology and Youth

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Center for Urban Youth and Technology Foundation Inc
6 Brookwood Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Project Summary: As the impact of nanotechnology and alternative energy expands in New York State and the Capital Region, there is a growing concern that underserved and low-income communities are not touched by the critical information, outreach resources, and training. This population is a talent pool that is largely untapped and significantly under-represented in science and engineering. It is imperative to engage them in science and engineering education as a vital component in New York's education and workforce strategy.

Project Name: Expansion of Biotechnology Program

Amount: \$407,000

Recipient: Hudson Valley Community College
80 Vandenberg Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Project Summary: Over the past 10 years, there has been considerable growth in bioscience and biotechnology, both nationally and in the Capital Region. Local pharmacology manufacturing companies, have made significant gains in their operations utilizing biomanufacturing technology. Local companies have a demonstrated a need for trained technicians with special skills in biotechnology. Because the college has established degree and certificate programs in biotechnology, it has a unique opportunity to serve the community in recruiting students for training, as well as retraining unemployed college and high school graduates to help meet this employment need.

Project Name: Home Health Aide Job Readiness and Support Program

Amount: \$230,000

Recipient: Community Health Care Services Foundation, Inc.
99 Troy Road
Suite 200
East Greenbush, NY 12061

Project Summary: This project has significance for the economy and provision of home care in the 21st District by placing an estimated 36 transitional and emerging workers in home care careers. Strengthening the home care workforce will improve quality of care keeping residents at home in their communities and preventing other costly health care interventions, such as hospitalizations. This project could serve as a model that can be replicated in other areas of New York State which are experiencing statewide turnover of home health aides ranging from 20-49 percent.

Project Name: Jewish Family Services

Amount: \$400,000

Recipient: Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York
877 Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12208

Project Summary: Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York's Aging-In-Place demonstration project is an innovative community-building, senior-empowerment model to assist older adults to age in place. It exemplifies the very elements and mission at the Administration on Aging's national response to the unique health and long-term care challenges facing the Nation's burgeoning older adult population.

Project Name: Green Job Training

Amount: \$100,000

Recipient: The Altamont Program Inc.
428 Duane Ave
Schenectady, NY 12304

Project Summary: The potential for economic growth is the fastest segment of local and U.S. economy over the next several decades whereby traditional industries continue to be replaced by new opportunities creating career ladders for socially disenfranchised workers. Since this is an emerging industry, Altamont's green jobs program is designed to build on the broad base of our economy and offers investment in local skills and business.

Project Name: Child Mental Health Treatment Center

Amount: \$800,000

Recipient: Parsons Child and Family Center
60 Academy Road
Albany, NY 12208

Project Summary: To better serve children with severe behavior disorders, this project will construct a modern-day child mental health treatment center, and federal funds will pay for design services and site studies needed to start this project. The building will feature a sustainable design that will integrate natural daylight, healthy indoor air, and natural materials as well as low-energy-use features such as a robust thermal envelope, efficient heating and cooling systems, and low water-use fixtures.

Project Name: Science Center Education

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Schenectady Museum Association
15 Nott Terrace Heights
Schenectady, NY 12308

Project Summary: Funds will be used for science, technology, engineering, and math educational programs for school age students. Each year, over 11,000 students attend a school field trip to the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium. While at the Museum, students participate in a wide range of age and grade-appropriate informal science educational programs, each developed according to New York State learning standards. In addition to enhanced academic knowledge, feedback from teachers shows that these children were excited, challenged, intrigued and entertained during their Museum visit, all of which inspire a sense of wonder about extraordinary scientific and technological developments.

Project Name: Reach Out and Read
Recipient: Reach Out and Read National Center
56 Roland Street
Boston, MA 02129

Project Summary: Reach Out and Read has been proven to be among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each regular checkup with a new book and a prescription to read together.

Reach Out and Read is a national evidence-based school readiness initiative that promotes literacy and language development in infants and preschoolers, targeting children and families living in poverty and under-performing school districts. Fourteen peer-reviewed, published research studies spanning the last two decades clearly demonstrate the impact of the Reach Out and Read model and the importance of promoting early language and literacy skills in preparing children to excel in school. Today, Reach Out and Read serves 3.8 million children annually, but millions more children nationwide do not receive the necessary support and assistance they need to develop these critical skills and enter kindergarten ready to learn. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Project Name: National Parent Helpline
Amount: \$1,500,000
Recipient: Parents Anonymous Inc.
675 West Foothill Blvd.
Suite 220
Claremont, CA 91711

Project Summary: A Parent Helpline in the 21st district of New York would offer direct and immediate services to families that are feeling the stress of the economy. Family finances are stretched; jobs and homes are being lost at record pace putting undue stress on families. Unfortunately, these frustrations are being taken out on innocent children and family members.

New York families deserve access to services that are designed to prevent problems before they occur and provide links to neighbor-hood based support groups that can give individuals the tools they need to be better parents. Parents Anonymous would operate this helpline out of California, but the regional Parents Anonymous organizations in New York, including in Schenectady have pledged their full support for this project and indicated the increasing need for a helpline of this type for the constituents that they reach daily.

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