

**CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NEAL'S  
FY 2010 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES**

**AGRICULTURE**

**\$35,000 for Valley Heritage Farmers Market Program, John H. Chafee Blackstone Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895**

**COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE**

**\$750,000 for Phoenix House, Springfield MA, Drug Treatment Technology Enhancement Initiative.** Phoenix House, 15 Mulberry Street, Springfield, MA. Department of Justice; Byrne Grant.

**\$1,000,000 for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department Intergrated Re-Entry Model.** Hampden County Sheriff's Department, 627 Randell Road, Ludlow, MA 01056. Department of Justice; Byrne Grant.

**\$400,000 for Westfield State College Law Enforcement Training Program in Southbridge, MA.** Westfield State College, PO Box 1630, Westfield, MA 01086. Department of Justice; Byrne Grant.

**\$500,000 for Stop It Now Helpline Extension. Stop It Now! 351 Pleasant Street, Northampton, MA. Department of Justice; Byrne Grant.**

**\$400,000 for A Child is Missing – Second District – Massachusetts.** A Child is Missing, Inc., 500 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 101, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

## INTERIOR

**\$750,000 for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Management Plan.** John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission. One Depot Square, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895. Department of Interior, National Parks Service. Heritage Programs. Implementation of National Heritage Corridor Management Plan. This request focuses on several ongoing projects as well as a few new initiatives that need funding in FY10 and which the Commission considers to be important, both because of their consistency with the management plan and to support partnerships and partners who are critical to the long term sustainability of Corridor programs. These projects include the promotion of heritage tourism activity in Blackstone Valley; completion of the Corridor's identity signage program; and a Blackstone Valley Heritage Farmer's Market program. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Corridor programs and projects benefit local residents, organizations and institutions, have been proven to have a positive economic impact as well as improve quality of life, create awareness nationally and internationally about the history of the Blackstone River Valley, and provide unique visitor experiences at a diverse range of historic, natural and recreational sites.

**\$750,000 for The Last Green Valley** P.O. Box 186, Southbridge, MA 01550. Department of the Interior, National Parks Service, Heritage Programs. These funds will be used to continue to promote this portion of central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut as the Last Green Valley, and to encourage agri-tourism, farming and sustainable agriculture programs.

**Godfrey, O'Brien and Hospital Brooks Restoration Program,** Town of Milford, MA, 52 Main Street, Milford, MA 01757. Department of Interior, EPA, STAG Grants. These funds will be used to stabilize the existing channel of the brook in Milford, MA to reduce the release of nutrients and metals that are being released into the downstream aquatic communities.

**(4) \$2,000,000 for the Correction of the Combined Sewer Overflows along the Connecticut River.** Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. **Department of Interior, EPA, STAG Grant.** These funds will be used to correct the combined sewer overflows that exist along the Connecticut River in the communities of Holyoke, Springfield, Chicopee, Ludlow and South Hadley.

## LABOR / HHS / EDUCATION

**\$1,000,000 for Pioneer Valley life Sciences Institute / Baystate Medical Center, 3401 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01107.** Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA. These funds will be used to build out the life sciences facility and to purchase laboratory and scientific equipment.

**500,000 for Mercy Medical Center Emergency Room Bed Increase Project. Sisters of Providence Health System, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104-2377.**

Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA. These funds will be used to expand Mercy Hospital's existing Emergency Department and to renovate space that will accommodate 7 new emergency room beds.

**\$1,260,000 for Wing Memorial Hospital CT Scanner. Wing Memorial Hospital, 40 Wright Street, Palmer, MA 01069.** Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA. These funds will be used to purchase a much needed 64 slice GE Light Speed CT Scanner to support and enhance the level of imaging services provided to the residents of Quaboag Valley and Western Massachusetts.

**\$500,000 for Quinsigamond Community College Satellite Campus, Quinsigamond Community College, 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester, MA 01606.** Department of Education, FIPSE. These funds will be used to support the expansion of the educational and regional workforce developmental role in Worcester County through satellite campus development.

**\$400,000 for JFYNet Technologies of the Future: Academic Support for Career Planning for the Second Congressional District of MA.** JFY Networks, 125 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108.

**\$94,000 for Horizons for Homeless Children's Playspace Programs in the Second Massachusetts Congressional District.** Horizons for Homeless Children, 1705 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. These funds will be used to provide homeless children in shelters in the Second Congressional district with developmentally-appropriate play opportunities that will mitigate the harmful effects of homelessness in children.

**\$35,000,000 for the Education for Democracy Act, The Center for Civic Education, 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302.** The Education for Democracy Act programs are among the most cost effective programs supported by the federal government. They effectively promote among students a profound understanding of and commitment to the fundamental values and principles of American constitutional democracy as expressed in such seminal documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the Gettysburg Address.

## **DEFENSE**

\$3,200,000 for the Advanced Fuel Filtration System (AFF); Warren Pumps, 82 Bridges Avenue, Warren, MA.

\$4,000,000 for the High Performance Fiber Laser Gain Media, SCHOTT North America, SCHOTT Finer Optics, 122 Charlton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

\$2,600,000 for HALO-360 Imaging for Submarines, Kollmorgen Electro-Optical, 347 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060

\$2,000,000 for Next Generation Optical Protector for Day / Night and Indoor Outdoor Operations. 3M Company, 3M center, Building 0224-02-S-25, Saint Paul, MN 55144 – technology to be manufactured in Southbridge, MA.

## **ENERGY AND WATER**

**\$2,800,000 - Biomass to Clean Fuel – Cellulosic Ethanol Pilot and Pretreatment.** Qteros, 730 Worcester Street, Springfield, MA. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Biomass Program.

**\$1,000,000 – Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute Biomedical Research,** Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute, 3401 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01107. Department of Energy, Science.

**\$1,700,000 - Next Generation Wind Turbine,** Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

## **TRANSPORTATION / HUD**

**\$500,000 for Camp Atwater in North Brookfield MA. Department of Housing and Urban Development, EDI.** Recipient of funds: Urban League of Springfield, MA, 765 State Street, Springfield, MA 01109. These funds would be used to renovate a residential summer camp for inner-city Springfield youth.

**\$500,000 for the Concert Hall Creation and Renovation of the Adjacent Garage.** Department of Housing and Urban Development, EDI. Recipient of funds: Community Music School of Springfield, MA, 127 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103. The creation of this discrete concert hall will allow the Community Music School to expand its annual performance focus and will provide unique arts programming for inner-city Springfield residents and the surrounding cities and towns.

**\$120,000 for the Village Capital Improvement Program at Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566. Department of Housing and Urban Development, EDI.** These funds will be used to complete the maintenance and capital improvements to the Center meetinghouse and other historic properties on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village.

**(\$1,850,000 for Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Bus Replacement Program, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, PVTA, 2808 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01107.** Department of Transportation. Federal Transit Authority, Buses. This project consists of the replacement of transit vehicles that have completed their useful life as revenue service vehicles. The new vehicles being requested in this appropriation will be used to provide public transit service in the northern Pioneer Valley Region, including the communities of Amherst, Belchertown, Easthampton, Granby, South Deerfield, Sunderland, Ware and Williamsburg. PVTA is addressing options for replacement vehicles including smaller sizes, low floors and alternative fuels. Specifically, the new large transit buses will include Diesel Particulate Filters and will utilize low-sulfur fuel which is documented as being comparable or better than a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle. It is PVTA's intent to purchase vehicles with the necessary technological equipment to continue the Authority's Intelligent Transportation System deployment Plan which includes but not limited to automatic vehicle locators, mobile data terminals, vehicle system monitoring and traffic signal priority. Replacing the aging fleet of transit vehicles helps improve air quality for an area that is designated as "serious" and non-attainment. The operating cost of maintaining an aging fleet will be reduced as will the inventory of parts that are needed. In addition, vehicles will be equipped with safety components that will allow PVTA to maintain a high degree of safety and security. The low floor technology will allow for improved and safer access for the elderly and the disabled.

## **STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

**\$1,7175,607 for the Online Collaboration for Reconciliation and Democratic Citizenship, Cooperation Ireland, Inc., 300 Park Avenue, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10022, (212) 572-4832; [coop-ire@rcn.com](mailto:coop-ire@rcn.com).**

To design test and roll out a virtual e-learning citizenship education model which will foster reconciliation and active citizenship within and between young people in divided communities within Northern Ireland. To disseminate this experience internationally (i) within other areas experiencing division and conflict (ii) globally as a tool for international collaboration and engagement with diversity. This is a joint initiative between Co-operation Ireland and the Center for Civic Education in the United States