



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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Congressman Tom Latham, Iowa - 04
Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
Appropriations Member Project Requests

In accordance with the policies put forth by the House Appropriations Committee, I would like to share with you some information regarding the projects that I have submitted for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: Bio-Security Level 3 Lab

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA, 50011

Description: In order to contribute to the nation's pressing biosecurity needs, and to develop strategies for safeguarding the nation's animal agriculture and human populations from such highly infectious agents as influenza, Brucella, and West Nile virus, the funding will be used to help Iowa State University expand its high security, Bio-Security Level 3 facilities. Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine long has been preeminent in the field of infectious diseases research in domestic animals. More recently, in response to public health and national security concerns and in an effort to protect and secure the nation's animal agriculture industry, ISU has focused on research that addresses new and novel strategies to prevent and control foreign animal and zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases are pathogens carried by animals that may be spread to humans, and many modern diseases, including various epidemics, initially were spread this way.

Project Name: Electronic Medical Record System

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Madison County Health Care Center

Recipient's Street Address: 300 W. Hutchings, Winterset, IA 50273

Description: The funding will be used to install and implement an electronic medical record program which will improve the quality of health care provided to rural Iowans while reducing the potential for medical errors as well as realizing a reduction in costs through eliminating duplicity and paperwork.

Project Name: Health Occupations Training Simulator

Amount Requested: \$165,000

Account: Employment and Training Administration - Training & Employment Services

Recipient: Iowa Valley Community College

Recipient's Street Address: 3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description: This funding will purchase Health Occupation Training Simulators which will be used during training activities for current and future Registered Nurses (RN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and other health care practitioners.

Project Name: Improving the Health Status of Rural Iowans through Prevention

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Recipient: Des Moines University

Recipient's Street Address: 3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

Description: This project would continue research involving a preventative health program focused on individuals 55-64 with moderate to high risk of chronic disease as determined by a Health Risk Assessment (HRA). The project is tracking health status and health risk for selected rural residents over the course of three years. Individuals identified by risk levels are participating in health risk prevention intervention programs.

Project Name: INet Electronic Medical Record System for Intensive Care Unit

Amount Requested: \$800,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa

Recipient's Street Address: 1000 4th Street SW, Mason City, IA 50401

Description: This funding would provide software, equipment and personnel training to implement the first fully automated intensive care unit in Iowa. The current system uses paper records, charts, etc. along with a basic EMR. The new system would utilize an enhanced electronic medical record that would improve monitoring of critical care patients, allow remote monitoring of patients in the Mercy ICU by their physicians in the surrounding communities, and reduce long term costs associated with duplicate tests and paper-based records.

Project Name: Institute for Novel Vaccine and Anti-Microbial Design (INOVA)

Amount Requested: \$7,000,000

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA, 50011

Description: The Novel Vaccine and Anti-Microbial Design (INOVA) will bring together a highly inter-disciplinary team of experienced scientific leaders from Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the National Animal Disease Center, to translate groundbreaking discoveries into the molecular design of new classes of immunobiotics and vaccines to reduce the current and expanding national threat associated with infectious disease.

Project Name: Medical Equipment

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient: Trinity Regional Medical Center

Recipient's Street Address: 802 Kenyon Road, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Description: The funding would be used to replace the nine-year old, outdated cardiac catheterization lab equipment and provide the highest quality cardiac care to patients' in a nine-county primary service area. Northwest central Iowa needs a facility with a state-of-the-art catheterization lab. Patients should not have to (and in some cases, cannot) travel to Des Moines, Mason City or Ames to have access to a new cath lab and the life saving services offered by new equipment. Residents in Fort Dodge, and surrounding communities such as Humboldt and Pocahontas, for example, are in need of the services offered by state of the art cath lab equipment. The new technology will allow integration to a new image acquisition/storage system and will help continue the commitment to provide a comprehensive cardiac catheterization service to patients in Northwest Central Iowa.

Project Name: Project Change

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Recipient: Athletics For Education and Success (AFES)

Recipient's Street Address: 214 South 13th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Description: This project will support various initiatives that AFES in collaboration with Agape and the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee already have in place. These initiatives include: educational enhancement, mentoring, career and life training, criminal diversion, and teenage pregnancy prevention programs.