

Specifically, this marketing program by Wild American Shrimp, Inc. (WASI), is dedicated to securing a sustainable future for the U.S. Gulf and South Atlantic shrimp harvesting and processing industries by developing new products and implementing a quality assurance certification program that assures consumers that they are purchasing a premium product harvested from the wild in American waters. The funding will be used towards a national research and development program for new products, improved quality assurance and certification, and marketing of domestic wild shrimp from the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. This is a good use of taxpayer funding because the domestic warm water shrimp industry remains an important part of coastal communities in these states (especially in Southeastern Louisiana) and the resource is healthy and the fishery is sustainable.

As requested by me, Rep. Anh "Joseph" Cao, H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for Boys Town, Louisiana, New Orleans, LA in support of Expansion of Boys Town Louisiana Projects project. This is in the OJP–JJ account in the amount of \$147,000. This project will benefit Boys Town of Louisiana 700 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116 for programs for at-risk youth. Specifically, these funds will be used to continue and expand an integration of the Boys Town Treatment Family Home program and its In-Home Family Services program to serve more at-risk girls and boys (in the juvenile justice system) and their families. It is expected that through these services, youth recidivism of criminal behavior will be greatly reduced as will the need for further out-of-home-placement, including that of a correctional or prison facility. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because these youth will be find alternative outlets to crime and will be more focused on education and other productive activities.

As requested by me, Rep. Anh "Joseph" Cao, H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for the New Orleans Crime Coalition/New Orleans Business in New Orleans, LA in support of the New Orleans Crime Coalition. This is in the OJP–JJ account in the amount of \$1,500,000. This project will benefit the New Orleans Crime Coalition New Orleans Business Council 1615 Poydras Street, Suite 986 for their comprehensive crime efforts. Specifically, the New Orleans area was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and severely damaged again in 2008 by Hurricane Gustav. Crime—especially the murder rate—in the city continues to rise, and travelers to and residents of New Orleans are beginning to lose faith in the public safety of the city. For a city that depends on tourism and business travel, this would be devastating to the economy. The requested funding will provide much-needed crime fighting tools, resources, and infrastructure to help the community take back the streets in the struggle for post-Katrina recovery in New Orleans. Specifically, this funding will comprise elements of any or all of the following: additional staff for the New Orleans Police Department; D.A./Prosecutorial support; Juvenile Justice services, including training and day center facilities; additional Drug Court programs; and, additional staff for the Orleans Parish Public De-

fenders office. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because New Orleans is historically, economically, and culturally valuable to the United States, and assuring public safety is critical to maintaining the health of the city.

EARMARK DISCLOSURE

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Ogden City School District, located at 1950 Monroe Blvd., Ogden, Utah 84401.

Description of project: \$375,000 to the Ogden City School District for the Ogden Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Initiative, to collaborate with the district juvenile court and Morgan-Weber Mental Health Department to create a comprehensive delinquency, gang, and violence prevention program.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2847

Account: Edward Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Clearfield City, Utah, located at 55 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah 84015.

Description of project: \$425,000 to Clearfield City for the Digital Technology for Drug Enforcement Initiative, to purchase digital law enforcement equipment to help combat drug and gang-related problems in Clearfield.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Meth account

Legal name and address of requesting entity: American Detoxification Foundation, located at 3090 S. Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84118.

Description of project: \$200,000 to the Utah Meth Cops Program, to treat law enforcement officers that are experiencing detrimental health effects from their exposure, during the course of duty, to chemicals involved with the production of methamphetamine.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2847, "Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN.

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice
Project Amount: \$250,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childhelp of East Tennessee, 2505 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist Childhelp in expanding its important services to more children in Knox County and the surrounding region who have suffered abuse. Specifically, the Children's Center of East Tennessee will expand its forensic interview capacity and related services to more Knox County children who have, in the past, been turned away, as well as its community based forensic interview and medical examination services.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN.

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Project Amount: \$750,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Maryville, 404 W. Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37801.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to allow public safety and public works departments to co-function on the same network and would also allow these departments to communicate directly in an emergency with one another without interference from other users.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIALS ACT OF 2009

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act. I would like to thank my colleague and fellow co-chair of the bipartisan Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, Mr. CLIFF STEARNS of Florida, for working with me on this important legislation.

Approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States have cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening genetic lung disease for which there is no cure. In my home state of Massachusetts, nearly 800 families are affected by this horrible disease.

In the three years since we founded the bipartisan Congressional Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, I am proud to say that we have steadily increased the Caucus' membership and currently have 138 members, many of whom are joining us today as original cosponsors of this important bill.

Cystic fibrosis affects parents, who awaken in the middle of the night so they can pound on their child's chest to clear the abnormally thick, sticky mucus that makes breathing difficult. It affects their children, who cough and wheeze and are at constant risk for life-threatening lung infections. And it affects their loved ones, who want the child to have a healthy life but have to worry about the unpleasant alternative of a shortened life expectancy marked by frequent visits to the hospital.

But there is hope for these families. We are in a time of tremendous opportunity and hope in medical research. In the 1950s, children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis usually did not live long enough to enter kindergarten. Back then, there were no drugs for people with cystic fibrosis. Today, through advances in medical research, four respiratory drugs have been brought to market and the median age of survival is about 37 years.

These advances would not have been made without the important clinical research conducted by dedicated doctors and scientists from all around the world. In fact, there are more than 30 cystic fibrosis therapies currently in some stage of clinical trial research. Unfortunately, because cystic fibrosis affects a small population, many of these trials are having difficulties recruiting patients.

The Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act is designed to increase access to clinical trials for patients of rare diseases, like cystic fibrosis, by modifying Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility rules. In accordance with established ethical standards, many clinical trials offer compensation for patient participation. Current eligibility rules for SSI count such compensation as income, making some individuals suffering from rare diseases ineligible for SSI benefits because compensation for participation in the trial would put their income over the SSI eligibility threshold. This forces patients to choose between participating in important clinical trials and keeping their SSI benefits—a cruel choice no one should ever have to make.

Our bill will encourage patients suffering from rare diseases to participate in promising clinical research that may lead to cures, better treatments, and ultimately, saved lives, without having to worry that they could lose the SSI benefits they depend on.

You know, they say that the most powerful four-letter word in the English language is HOPE.

Hope . . . that we can raise awareness of the families struggling with cystic fibrosis and other rare diseases.

Hope . . . that, through research, we will find better treatments and ultimately a cure.

Hope . . . that our children will have to turn to the history books to learn what cystic fibrosis was.

This bill will give hope to more patients who suffer from CF that they can access innovative therapies that could some day cure them of this dreadful disease.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cobb County (GA) Government

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Cherokee St., Marietta, GA 30090

Description of Request: The project furthers the National Emergency Communications Plan Strategic goal of 2010, 2011, and 2013. Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens is a top priority for the local government. Cobb County is a key player in developing a regional interoperable communications system that covers 11 counties from Metro Atlanta to Alabama. The linking of like radio systems will expand coverage, coordinate responses, improve communication, and decrease response time in the event of natural or man-made disasters, including terrorism.

Cobb County continues to plan for, create, and promote communications interoperability. This fact is evident with the acquisition and installation of Homeland Security funded interoperability switch for Project 25 public safety radio systems' participation and connectivity to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) interoperable communication system, working groups and governing body; intergovernmental cooperation with the City of Douglasville and the West Area Regional Radio System (WARRS); and participation and leadership in All Hazards Area 7 Communications Subcommittee for the State of Georgia.

This \$1,000,000 added to H.R. 2847 will be used in its entirety for the purchase of the necessary software, hardware, and microwave equipment to connect Project 25 radio systems in Forsyth and Cobb County to establish regional connectivity. These funds will be used to establish microwave connectivity, link systems together, and upgrade the radio system's operating platform so that all systems are functioning at the same level.

Specifically, the Fiscal Year 2010 will consist of the following budget items: Operating System Equipment and Software (\$400,000), Microwave Equipment (\$400,000), and Engineering and Installation Services (\$200,000).

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 Maple St., Carrollton, GA 30118

Description of request: Major incidents, whether they result from natural phenomena or are a result of criminal behavior, have devastating effects on learning and academic achievement. Federal studies show that emergency plans in many school districts remain unpracticed and are outside National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. Furthermore, less than one third of school districts in the nation include any procedure for continuation of instruction in the event of extended school closure. This initiative would address these shortcomings and prescribe practiced solutions.

The \$250,000 included in H.R. 2847 will allow the University of West Georgia to work with K-12 schools in surrounding high crime neighborhoods to prevent and respond to inci-

dents of crime in these schools. In particular, the University will work with schools such as Bremen High School, Paulding County Middle School, Chattooga High School, and Polk County High School.

The establishment of an emergency response capability will help K-12 schools and other colleges and universities in many ways. It will aid state agency, school district, and local school personnel develop emergency preparedness plans that will help insure the safety of an otherwise defenseless population. This funding will be used to (1) provide technical assistance to support schools and districts in developing comprehensive plans reflective of the all-hazards approach; (2) provide evaluation services to help schools and districts improve already developed plans and to determine the feasibility of partnerships (with first responders) and procedures (evacuation of special needs students) necessary for effective implementation; and (3) assist schools and districts in developing capacity for maintaining continuity of instruction in the event of prolonged school closure.

The Fiscal Year 2010 funds will consist of the following budget items: Project Manager (\$65,000), Equipment (\$46,000), Supplies (\$35,000), Training (\$30,000), Evaluation (\$44,000), and Administration and Accounting (\$30,000).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice; Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kids Voice

Address of Requesting Entity: 437 Grant Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The funding would be used to increase their impact in the community and to support programs that are offered to abused and neglected children in Allegheny County.

In addition, KidsVoice seeks to increase its impact by expanding services that will help clients become productive adults, despite the obstacles they face. The funding will expand KidsVoice efforts in assisting foster youth to pursue post-secondary education, job training and employment. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The KidsVoice appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.