

Dear Constituents,

In recent years, the earmark process has happened behind closed doors. I was proud to vote for important reforms to bring accountability back to the process. However, this is only a first step, more reforms are needed, and I will continue to fight for more openness in how business is conducted in Washington.

In a continued effort to bring openness and transparency to our federal government, I have decided to publish a full list of local projects I have requested to be considered for federal funding by the House Appropriations Committee in Fiscal Year 2009. I started this practice as an important earmark reform in 2007, my first year in office. At the time I was the second Member of Congress to do so. Since that time, a handful of other Members have taken up the practice and I will continue to urge my colleagues to post their local project requests on-line as well.

This year, in addition to posting all my local requests again, I have reduced the number of projects I am personally requesting by 60%. Since 1996, the number of congressional earmarks has increased by 1,200 percent, and I felt it was important to lead by example in cutting the number of my own requests.

I am also committed to bringing fiscal accountability back to the federal budget. This means that the vast majority of the projects below will not receive approval by the Appropriations Committee. In fact, it is likely that only a handful will ever receive federal funding. But in the end, all earmarks are paid for with taxpayer dollars, and I think you have a right to know what has been requested.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
Member of Congress

List of Local Project Funding Requests Submitted to Congressional Committees

Adirondack North Country Association for Economic Development through Green Investment and Development in the North Country

\$500,000 in the Small Business Administration

Funds will be used for the development of business opportunities in the Adirondack region of Upstate New York through the investment and development of green technologies.

Bassett Healthcare in Otsego County, for Conversion of Medical Records to Electronic Form in their Regional Health Network

\$2,000,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used to implement an advanced electronic medical records system in the Bassett Healthcare four-county network. These improvements include implementation of computerized physician order entry, clinical decision support and medication administration to achieve optimal quality, safety and cost improvement at all of their facilities.

Catskill Development Foundation for the Delaware County eCenter

\$51,293 in the Small Business Administration

Funds will be used for the expansion of the Delaware County eCenter. The Delaware County eCenter is a regional, small business incubator designed to create jobs and accelerate the growth and success of new and existing entrepreneurial companies with a concentration on hi-tech and technology sectors.

Center for Economic Growth, Watervliet Innovation Center for the Watervliet Innovation Center Business Development Project

\$500,000 in the Small Business Administration

Funds will be used to promote job growth and economic development by assisting emerging technology businesses in the Hudson River Valley and North Country of Upstate New York.

Center for Excellence in Watershed Applications of Technology for Economic Revitalization at State University of New York – Delhi in Delaware County

\$700,000 in the Small Business Administration

Funds will be used for the development of a much-needed, centralized resource and referral center for entrepreneurs and business owners in the West-of-the-Hudson Watershed Region of Upstate New York.

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County Infrastructure and Safety Upgrades to the Saratoga Water Treatment Plant

\$492,250 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used for upgrades to the City of Saratoga Springs Water Treatment Plant to ensure continued service of safe, clean drinking water and processing of wastewater for reuse and disposal.

Closed Loop, Short Rotation Woody Biomass for Energy Development Project in the West-of-the-Hudson Watershed

\$500,000 in the Department of Energy

Funds will be used to expand the development of willow plantation feedstocks for the use of conversion of biomass to energy in the West-of-the-Hudson Watershed.

Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, Columbia County Conversion to Electronic Medical Records Project

\$450,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used to invest in technology to decrease the potential for medication errors and lower healthcare costs by converting medication administration into electronic form.

Construction of a New Conference Center at the Historic Olympic Center at Lake Placid, Essex County

\$6,600,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds for the construction of conference center at Lake Placid Olympic Center to assist in attracting national and regional conferences, the Youth Olympics and other international events and to spur economic development in the North Country.

Construction of the Saratoga Bus Facility in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County

\$15,500,000 in the Department of Transportation

Funds to be used for construction of bus facility in Saratoga Springs to house 50 bus fleet to serve the county and region as a way to decrease traffic congestion and pollution.

Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades at Luther Forest Technology Campus, Saratoga County

\$8,500,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds will be used for the development of electrical infrastructure for economic growth of Saratoga County and to protect communities from power outages due to ice storms and other destructive conditions.

Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County Development of Nursing Program

\$650,000 in the Department of Education

Funds will be used to develop the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree online program at Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County. This program allows clinically-trained and early and mid-career working nurses the ability to further hone their skills. Currently, Upstate New York suffers from a severe nursing shortage.

Expansion of Water Infrastructure in the Chester Industrial Park in Warren County

\$750,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds will be used for the extension of a municipal water line for development in the industrial park to spur economic development.

Extension of Runway 1 at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Glens Falls, Warren County

\$750,000 in the Department of Transportation

Funds will be used for extension of Runway 1 at Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Glens Falls, Warren County. This 1,000 foot expansion is critical for increasing air traffic and allowing for larger jets to land at the airport. Funds will be used for both environmental assessment and obstruction removal related to the runway extension.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library Renovations Project in Hyde Park, Dutchess County

\$17,500,000 in the National Archives and Records Administration

Funds will be used to make critical repairs to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, the oldest Presidential Library in the United States. The Presidential Library is a significant economic engine for the community.

Glens Falls Hospital Construction of New Rural Health Care Facility in Greenwich, Washington County.

\$1,300,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used for the construction of an 18,000 square foot clinic to serve underserved areas of central and southern Washington County.

Greene County Industrial Development Agency Intersection Infrastructure Upgrades Project

\$2,500,000 in the Department of Transportation

Funds will be used to rehabilitate the County Route 9W and 81 intersection located in Coxsackie, Greene County. This work is being done as part of the requirements under the New York State Department of Transportation permitting for the Greene Business and Technology Park. This rehabilitation will address the increased traffic as part of the build-out relating to the business and technology park.

Hampton Biofuels Biodiesel Plant Project in Washington County

\$5,000,000 requested in the Department of Energy

Funds will be used for the development of a 50 million gallon per year biodiesel production facility in rural Washington County. Fuel will be produced using sustainable, locally produced crops and feedstocks, creating jobs and a new economy based on alternative energy in Upstate New York.

Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Glens Falls, Warren County Conversion to Electronic Medical Records Project

\$700,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used in the conversion of medical records from paper to electronic records to improve safety, security and reduce costs to patients.

Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Legacy Project

\$250,000 in the National Park Service

Funds will be used to support the economic development and tourism efforts of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to invest in region wide development projects to highlight the Hudson River Valley on a local, regional, state and national level.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Program

\$250,000 in the National Park Service

Funds will be used to continue the implementation of the Hudson River National Heritage Area management plan to drive economic growth and tourism in the Hudson

River Valley through promotion and education of the Hudson Valley's nationally significant historical and natural resources as a means of increasing tourism and business investment in the region.

Hudson Valley Community College Expansion of the College's Evening and Weekend Nursing Program

\$576,000 in the Department of Education

Funds will be used to expand the evening and weekend nursing program to meet demand at Hudson Valley Community College located in Rensselaer County. Currently Upstate New York suffers from a severe nursing shortage.

Hydropower from Wastewater Advanced Energy Project by Advanced Energy Conversion, LLC. in Malta, Saratoga County

\$2,500,000 in the Department of Energy

Funds will be used to develop advanced energy technology that creates hydropower from wastewater. This energy can offset power use for water treatment facilities and related municipal building, greatly reducing dependence on foreign oil and reducing energy costs to our community.

Northern Dutchess Hospital, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County Conversion to Electronic Medical Record

\$2,800,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used to implement a clinical documentation system and a laboratory information system at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County. This project will lower healthcare costs and reduce medical errors.

Rehabilitation and Conversion of Vacant Church School Building for the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County

\$700,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds for rehabilitation and conversion of a vacant church school building into municipal offices, a senior/community center and business incubator for economic development to create local jobs and grow our economy.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Intelligent Facades for High Performance "Green Buildings" Project

\$1,000,000 requested in the Department of Energy

Funds will be used to design, build, install and test a state of the art 'intelligent' building façade that will optimize solar power generation – reducing energy costs and creating local jobs. The framing work will be carried out by a small business in Cambridge, Washington County.

Saratoga County Water Authority- County Water Supply Security Upgrades

\$500,000 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will install a state-of-the-art water monitoring security system for a potable water supply for Saratoga County.

Saratoga Hospital in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs Conversion to Electronic Medical Records Project

\$848,000 in the Department of Health & Human Services

Funds will be used to support a comprehensive deployment and application of electronic medical records within Saratoga Hospital in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County to reduce healthcare costs and prevent medical errors.

Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board Development of Business Development and Workforce Training Program in Coordination with Adirondack Community College

\$482,000 in the Department of Labor

Funds will be used to establish the Adirondack Center for Business Development and Workforce Training program to create a centralized, collaborative, need-based approach for workforce education and training. Center will work in coordination with Adirondack Community College to enhance economic growth and job training opportunities in the North Country of Upstate New York.

Siena College for the Center for Revolutionary Era Studies in Partnership with Saratoga Battlefield National Historic Park

\$1,000,000 in the Small Business Administration

The Siena College Center for Revolutionary Era Studies will work with the National Park Service to provide an academic and public service program aimed at increasing tourism and economic development.

State University of New York at Albany College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering Development of the Center for Competency in Nanomedicine Innovation

\$3,000,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used for the development of the Center for Competency in Nanomedicine Innovation in coordination with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at SUNY-Albany to advance biomedical and nanomedical research.

Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County for the System Rehabilitation Planning Project

\$50,000 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to fund a study of the Berlin Water System to identify critical upgrades for future infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

Town of Hyde Park Municipal Building and Courthouse Construction Project

\$4,500,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds will be used for the construction of a municipal and courthouse building to help lower property taxes.

Town of Keene, Essex County Keene Valley Water System Project

\$2,111,200 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to install a new groundwater well supply and to install 4,000 feet of transmission mains.

Upgrades and Improvement to the Saratoga Springs to North Creek Intermodal Transportation Corridor

\$1,280,000 in the Department of Transportation

Funds will be used to make critical upgrades to the intermodal transportation corridor between Saratoga Springs and North Creek including the installation of new ties, ballast work, drainage, bridge and culvert repair, joint maintenance and signal improvements at grade crossings.

Upgrades to Public Housing Units in Hudson, Columbia County

\$180,000 in the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funds will be used to make critical repairs to the public housing tower and townhouse units in Hudson, Columbia County including elevator repairs, lobby upgrades, installing a video-security system and administrative office upgrades.

Village of Granville, Washington County Construction of Infrastructure Relating to the Village Water Treatment Plant Project

\$1,650,000 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used for the construction of four, twenty-four inch diameter gravel-packed wells to replace the 50 year old water filtration plant and to move it out of its current location in the floodplain.

Village of Greenwich, Washington County Water Safety and Tank Replacement Project

\$760,500 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to replace the current deteriorating water tank with a new 550,000 gallon tank for village residents.

Village of Lake Placid, Essex County Main Sewer Trunk Line Replacement project

\$2,196,995 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used for the replacement of two antiquated sewer trunk lines in the Village of Lake Placid, Essex County.

Village of Millbrook, Dutchess County Sewer Infrastructure Initiative

\$500,000 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to make significant improvements to stop groundwater infiltration as well as replacement of antiquated piping that has contributed to ground water infiltration problems.

Village of Saranac Lake, Essex County Alternative Drinking Water Source Project

\$1,000,000 in the Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to construct a village water filtration facility to meet state requirements and EPA regulations.

Village of Sidney, Delaware County Comprehensive Flood Reduction Study

\$300,000 in the Army Corps of Engineers

Funds will be used to complete a comprehensive flood reduction study for the Village of Sidney in Delaware County, NY. The Village has been victim of major flooding in recent years with great loss to local businesses and agriculture.

Village of Whitehall, Washington County Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Wastewater Treatment Plant Flow Equalization Basin Improvements Project

\$1,795,000 in Environmental Protection Agency

Funds will be used to rehabilitate the village sewer system and make improvements to the village wastewater treatment plant flow equalization basin. These upgrades will prevent the infiltration of storm water into the existing wastewater treatment plant.

Warren County Health Services Conversion to Electronic Medical Records

\$145,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services

Funds will be used to convert all county health clinic medical records from paper to electronic records to lower healthcare costs, and to ensure patient safety and security county-wide.

Glens Falls Hospital Electronic Medical Record System and Enhancement of Health IT Capabilities

\$450,000 in the Rural Utilities Account

The funding would allow Glens Falls Hospital to lower costs and improve the quality of care for residents of the Glens Falls – Saratoga region by creating an electronic medical records system for use in the hospital and the sixteen health clinics in the hospital's system serving rural communities.

Rensselaer County Telehealth Pilot Program to Study In-Home Care as a Solution to Chronic Disease Management

\$350,000 in the Rural Utilities Account

The funding will be used to finance a pilot study to test if home telehealth will allow clinicians to assess and treat conditions more rapidly and efficiently than is currently possible, thereby improving patient satisfaction, shortening hospital stays and increasing worker productivity and patient care management.

Village of Red Hook Municipal Central Sewer System

\$1,980,000 in the Rural Utilities Account

The funding will be used to install low pressure and gravity sewer system pipes in the Village of Red Hook so that they can be connected to the larger Intermunicipal Central Sewer System.

Lake George Watershed Protection Initiative

\$2,000,000 in the Watershed/Flood Prevention Operation Account

The funding will be used to protect drinking water and mitigate flooding caused by storm water run-off flowing through the West Brook watershed.

Dutchess County Flood Risk Reduction Program

\$190,000 in the Watershed Surveys/Planning Account

The funding will be used to determine how to properly manage stream corridors to reduce flooding and prevent damage to homes and businesses.

Hudson Valley Agricultural Economic Development Program

\$1,500,000 in the Rural Business Programs Account

The funding will be used to provide technical assistance to agricultural businesses in the Hudson Valley to enhance the bottom line of farm businesses and provide a revolving loan fund to strengthen the agricultural economy as a whole.

Delaware County Waste-to-Energy Project

\$850,000 in the Renewable Energy Program Account

The funding will be used by the Delaware County Electric Cooperative to produce energy from the landfill-derived waste gas from the Delaware County Solid Waste Facility. This facility will generate enough electric power from waste bio-gas to power 500 area homes.

Delaware County Economic Development through the Meridale Farms Incubator

\$1,817,000 in the Resource Conservation and Development Account

The funding would be used to invest in the 1200-acre Meridale Farm Incubator project to increase agricultural-based business and grow local grass-based livestock production.

Encouraging Economic Development through Agricultural Production in Columbia County

\$200,000 in the Rural Business Programs Account

The funding would be used to analyze and implement land conservation finance structures to encourage landowners with conservation easements to bring their land back into agricultural production to stimulate the local economy and help the environment.

Saratoga Springs Police Department Purchase of Tactical Equipment and a Mobile SWAT vehicle

\$244,000 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account

The Saratoga Springs police department needs this equipment to properly equip its police force to respond to and manage an “active shooter” and other critical incident type calls.

Greene County Emergency Radio System Interoperability Plan

\$80,000 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account

The funding would be used for the preparation of an emergency radio system to meet 911 wireless guidelines and to enhance radio interoperability.

Essex County Public Safety Radio Communications System

\$9,000,000 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account

The funding would be used to install a new public safety emergency radio system, including radio equipment, antennas, radios, dispatch, consoles, mobile units, generators and communications towers to replace the outdated and ineffective system currently in use.

Domestic Civil Legal Assistance for Military Families in Columbia, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties

\$225,000 in the Byrne Discretionary Grants Account

The funding will provide technical assistance to civil legal attorneys who are representing victims of domestic violence associated with military families.

Phoenix House Upstate New York Drug Treatment Alternative in Delaware County

\$1,000,000 in the Byrne Discretionary Grants Account

The funding would be used to provide ten treatment scholarships for those in need of drug treatment to be rehabilitated and enter the workforce.

At-Risk Youth AIDS Prevention Education Initiative in Essex, Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties

\$328,000 in the Juvenile Justice Account

The funding will help expand HIV prevention interventions to at-risk youth by establishing projects that combine HIV/STD prevention and job training. The program will support projects in Essex, Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene counties.

Integrated Ship and Motion Control Technology Program developed by Advance Energy Conversion, LLC in Saratoga County

\$4,300,000 in the Force Protection and Advanced Technology Account

This program will improve the design and operation of critical electrical alternatives to hydraulic control elements in high speed Navy and Homeland Security vessels.

Commercially Viable Si/C Power Semiconductor Using Superlattice Technology developed by C9 Corporation in Saratoga County

\$3,200,000 in the Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology Account

Invests in hybrid vehicles built using semiconductors to increase combat effectiveness by providing the advantage of higher speed, efficiency, temperatures and voltage ratings.

Research to Enhance Visual Clarity of Night Vision and Low-Light Video developed by On2 Technologies in Saratoga County

\$2,000,000 in the Night Vision Advanced Technology Account

This project funds the implementation of video enhancement techniques aimed at improving the visual clarity of night vision cameras, for use by U.S. soldiers in combat missions.

CRISSTL Ball (Compact Remote Imaging Surveillance System with Two-pi OutLook) developed by Interscience, Inc. in Rensselaer County

\$1,500,000 in the Counterdrug Projects Account

This funding is used to refine and manufacture hemispherical view video cameras in baseball-sized balls that can be thrown into potentially hostile areas to provide visual information to detect threats and assess the situation before war fighters enter the combat area.

Training Program for Tactical Unmanned Systems Operations developed by Auxilia in Rensselaer County

\$5,000,000 in the Counterdrug Project Account

This project will train, equip and support US active, National Guard, and Afghan security forces in unmanned systems operations to detect, monitor and interdict drug and/or weapons traffickers and other threats to Afghan sovereignty and Coalition security.

Next Generation Silent, Mobile Vehicle Power Sources developed by Electrovaya in Saratoga County

\$9,000,000 in the Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology Account

These new lithium ion superpolymer battery systems will provide the Army with a silent, mobile and versatile power system and power generation options to maximize effectiveness while reducing energy needs and risk to the soldiers.

Functionally Integrated Reactive Surface Technologies developed by Starfire Systems in Saratoga County

\$5,000,000 in the Defense Research Sciences Account

This program will design and build intelligent clothing for an inner garment whose permeability to chemical and biological agents can be quickly altered in response to biological/chemical attacks or body temperature.

Remote Sighting System developed by Legend Technologies in Essex County

\$5,000,000 in the Electronics and Electronics Devices Account

This program would create the world's first miniature, auto zoom, auto focus, auto iris, day/night targeting and observation system for remote weapon platforms.

NanoSensor StageGate Accelerator (NSSA) run by the Arsenal Business and Technology Partnership for the Capitol Region

\$6,000,000 in the University and Industry Research Centers Account

Funding would create a highly-integrated industry-university-government collaboration centered around the Arsenal Business & Technology Partnership, the US Army Research Laboratory focused on Sensors Electron Device Directorate, Benet Laboratories and the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the University of Albany-SUNY.

Forward Looking Infrared System (FLIR) for New York National Guard helicopters

\$3,100,000 in the Utility Helicopter Mods Account

The FLIR system would add both thermal sensitivity and powerful optics to the helicopters used by the NY National Guard to respond to all types of situations, including search and rescue, reconnaissance, border and costal patrolling and target identification.

High Field Magnetic Resonance Imaging System for Brain Trauma Victims developed by SuperPower in Schenectady County

\$5,000,000 in the Warfighter Sustainment Applied Research Account

Funding will be used to develop an ultra high field functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system that will improve the speed and image quality for quickly diagnosing TBI in returning injured servicemen.

***Signed a New York State delegation letter requesting to create a Second Civil Support Team for the State of New York**

\$3,694,000 in the Administration and Support Account

Creating a Second Civil Support Team located in New York City would free the current team, based in Latham, NY, to focus on the threats facing Upstate New York.

***Signed a delegation letter requesting ten new UH-60 Blackhawks and Blackhawk helicopter upgrades for the National Guard**

\$215,000,000 in the Utility Helicopter Mods Account and the UH-60 Blackhawk Account

The National Guard has inherited 70 Blackhawks that require upgrades in order to keep their units ready to deploy in emergencies and defend our nation abroad. They also need new equipment in order to train pilots, modernize their forces and keep them standardized with the active Army.