

Braley Secures Over \$42 Million for Iowa Programs in House Funding Bill

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Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today that he has secured over \$42 million in funding for Iowa programs in the 2009 omnibus bill, which the House is expected to consider tomorrow. This bill provides funding for the entire US Government's operations during the 2009 fiscal year.

"The Iowa funding in this bill will help create jobs in Iowa and will directly benefit the people I represent," Braley said. "I'm pleased to have secured over \$42 million in funding for these critical Iowa priorities. This funding will help expand access to healthcare, improve Iowa infrastructure, and save and create jobs in eastern Iowa."

A list of Braley-secured projects by county follows:

Black Hawk:

- \$298,000 for the Tallgrass Prairie Center - Native Seed Testing Lab at University of Northern Iowa. This funding will be used to expand the Tallgrass Prairie Center's prairie preservation research and education programs.

- \$380,000 for demolition and redevelopment of a blighted area around the Cedar Valley Techworks facility in Waterloo. This project will help retain 3,000 high quality advanced manufacturing jobs while providing Techworks with opportunities for future development.

- \$950,000 for the National Institute for Early Math and Science Education at the University of Northern Iowa. This program brings together educators from Iowa's universities to research and develop programs to improve math and science education for Iowa students in Pre K through 3rd grade.

- \$48,000 for the Minorities in the Leadership of Education program at the University of Northern Iowa. Funding will be used to recruit, train and graduate future minority school administrators in Iowa in collaboration with Iowa school districts that currently employ prospective minority school administrators.

- \$428,000 for the Emergency Department and Cardiac Care Expansion Project at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. This expansion will help ensure that northeast Iowans continue to receive quality health care through the education of future health professionals and expansion of healthcare facilities.

- \$238,000 for renovations to the Health Education and Services Center at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. Funding will be used to train health professionals and provide underserved communities with specialty healthcare services including physical and occupational therapy.

- \$238,000 for development and training at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. This funding will help train and certify at least 450 additional skilled manufacturing workers for jobs that are immediately available.

Bremer:

- \$950,900 for the National Ag-Based Lubricants Center (NABL), a unit of the University of Northern Iowa, in Waverly. NABL, the national leader in biobased lubricant research, will use the funding to continue their applied research in biobased lubricants, helping to create successful commercial products that provide economic benefits for Iowa.

Clinton:

- \$300,000 to the City of Clinton for improvements to the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Construction of a remote treatment facility will service Camanche, Low Moor and the western industrial development corridor, and the treatment plant improvements will protect regional public health and the environment.

- \$475,000 for the extension of 19th Avenue North in Clinton. This funding will go towards Phase III of the extension project, to develop 19th Avenue North from a local road to a minor arterial roadway between Randell Court and North 2nd Street. The 19th Avenue North extension links to the Lyons Business & Technology Park, which is projected to create over 10,000 jobs within the next four years.

Dubuque:

- \$950,000 to the City of Dubuque for the Southwest Arterial. This funding will help complete the final engineering design for the Southwest Arterial and complete the property acquisition needed for construction to begin.

- \$2,632,000 for major rehabilitation at Lock & Dam #11 for the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers. Funding will be used for Stage III work to rehabilitate the lock and dam and avoid further deterioration, which would result in higher repair costs.

Scott:

- \$4,850,000 to the City of Davenport for the East River Station Floodwall. This will support construction of a flood wall along the Mississippi River, including the area surrounding the East River Station treatment plant. The flood wall would eliminate the risk of periodic flooding disrupting operations at the water treatment plant, which serves over 140,000 Scott County residents.

- \$380,000 to the city of Davenport for construction of a Transit Maintenance Garage. The funding will assist with the design and construction of a garage providing both maintenance and operational functions for transit vehicles, providing significant operational savings for the city.

Other:

- \$750,000 for the NEW ERA Program, a grant program for community colleges that will be used to establish renewable energy workforce education and training courses for the next generation of biofuel workers. Rep. Braley's first bill during the 110th Congress created the NEW ERA Program, which passed as part of last year's Farm Bill. This is the first funding secured for the NEW ERA Program.

- \$288,000 to the Iowa Soybean Association for the Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture (CESMA) program. The CESMA program is an adaptive management system providing individual farmers with baseline data to help them make better management decisions.

- \$17,713,000 for restoration of the Upper Mississippi River. This project will address adverse impacts to the aquatic ecosystem caused by maintenance of the river's navigation channel. This includes preserving and improving fish and wildlife habitat on the river.

- \$1,791,000 to Iowa State University for an Odor Mitigation Study. This funding will be used to research cost-effective ways to reduce livestock odor that decreases the property values of homes and businesses located near livestock facilities.

- \$8,604,000 for the Upper Mississippi River System Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP). The funding will be used for ecosystem restoration and navigation improvements on the Upper Mississippi River.

- \$150,000 for the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy for coordinated regional meth task forces. These teams will work at the community level to reduce the increasing amounts of meth, cocaine and other drugs distributed throughout Iowa.

- \$350,000 to Boys and Girls Home and Family Services to provide community treatment programs for victims of trauma in the First District of Iowa. Funding will be used for program training and services for the growing population of child and adolescent trauma victims in Iowa.

\$95,000 to the Iowa Department of the Blind to implement their Digital Talking Book Service. The money will be used to implement random-shelving and web-based storage for digital talking books.