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Agriculture Bill

Girls Incorporated
120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Girls Inc. is requesting \$500,000 for its "Mind+Body Obesity Initiative." The Initiative will provide fresh produce, healthy foods and nutrition education for at-risk girls and their families. Girls Inc's "Mind+Body Obesity Initiative" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide access to fresh, nutritious foods and produce, nutrition education, and exercise, in an area of Brooklyn that does not have access to fresh foods in order to meet the goals of the new national childhood obesity initiative

GrowNYC
51 Chambers St, Rm 228
New York, NY 10007
Amount Requested: \$230,000

GrowNYC is requesting \$230,000 for its "Farm to Jobs Youthmarket Project." The Project will implement "urban farm stands" to distribute fresh produce in New York City. GrowNYC will purchase produce from its Wholesale Greenmarket farmers in Hunts Point in the Bronx and other mid-sized growers for resale at Youthmarkets. At the Youthmarkets, area residents can use their food assistance benefits to purchase high-quality fresh produce at affordable prices, while also receiving hands-on nutrition and health programming. The "Farm to Jobs Youthmarket Project" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will invest in sustainable food systems, as well as to improve the health of the most vulnerable communities that lack access to healthy foods and suffer from disproportionate rates of diet-related illness. Support for community health and farmer viability will reduce the health costs associated with diabetes, obesity and heart disease as well as the environmental costs associated with the loss of farmland. Moreover, the project will create 64 jobs for teens and adults; improve access to healthy, affordable food among communities with high incidences of diet-related diseases; and support the income of medium sized farms.

St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc.
795 Lexington Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11221
Amount Requested: \$300,000

St. John's Bread and Life Program is requesting \$300,000 for its "Community Supported Agriculture Program." The program secures and distributes fresh produce and vegetables to local emergency food providers. Funding will be used to support and expand the St. John's Bread and Life Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) in Brooklyn. The "Community Supported Agriculture Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the obesity epidemic among low-income families in NY-11, through the provision of tailored, nutritious meals and anti-obesity programming.

State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry (SUNY-ESF)
300 South State Street, 10th Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry (SUNY-ESF) is requesting \$1,000,000 for its SUNY-ESF/NYSDEC, Division of Lands & Forests Partnership Technology to Combat Asian Long-Horned Beetles in New York Urban, Suburban and Rural Trees. This project seeks to proactively bait and kill and/or neuter Asian Long-Horn Beetles (ALB) before they breed and lay their eggs using confirmed combinations of activated female pheromones and host volatiles discovered, identified and synthesized by SUNY-ESF for this effort. The "Technology to Combat Asian Long-Horned Beetles in New York Urban, Suburban and Rural Trees" project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it saves New York State trees critical to air and water quality, heat island reduction, and quality of life. Proactive vice reactive, saves dollars over cutting, burning, replanting.

Commerce, Justice, Science Bill:

Brooklyn Academy of Music
30 Lafayette Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Amount Requested: \$300,000

Brooklyn Academy of Music is requesting \$300,000 for its "BAM Youth Initiatives," which encourage creativity, foster critical thinking skills, and provide positive outlets for personal expression, thereby using the arts as a tool in preventing and responding to juvenile delinquency. "BAM Youth Initiatives" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it encourages creativity, fosters critical thinking skills, and provides positive outlets for personal expression, thereby using the arts as a tool in preventing and responding to juvenile delinquency. The need for arts programs that support academic achievement is particularly acute in Brooklyn: in 2005—2006, some Brooklyn schools reported dropout rates as high as 21%. As the largest cultural institution in the borough—with access to resources and artists from around the world—BAM is positioned to play a major role in the arts education of Brooklyn youth, particularly students who are not otherwise flourishing in traditional learning environments. The initiatives serve almost 450 young people in NY-11 and creates or maintains nearly 30 jobs.

Brooklyn Arts Council, Inc.
55 Washington Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Amount Requested: \$250,000

The Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC) is requesting \$250,000 to expand its "Arts in Education" programs in NY-11. This project supports intensive, customized arts education programs for up to 1,000 at-risk youth at schools in the District. The program is city wide, but is not currently serving kids in NY-11. The students served by this project face very real threats of succumbing to the pressures of gang activity, drug and alcohol abuse, truancy, dropping out, and chronic

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unemployment. By providing these students with creative activities, this project will employ research-backed strategies to help prevent these outcomes over the long term, giving participating students the tools and life skills they need to address problems like poor school performance and lack of self-esteem, while building confidence in communication.

The Arts in School Program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the program has a proven success rate. Last year, BAC worked with a professional evaluator to analyze the impact of their Arts in Education workshops, including the 2008-2009 OJJDP-supported programs. This evaluation showed that students in BAC workshops build self-esteem and confidence in their abilities; and apply and strengthen critical thinking and problem solving skills. Overall, the evaluator concluded that BAC's "in-school workshop program is highly valued by students, classroom teachers and teaching artists for being a remarkable supplemental school day program. There is a growing body of research which provides evidence for the positive impact of arts on youth development in communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills. This study provides evidence that BAC AIE in-school workshop participants are growing in these domains."

Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Amount Requested: \$300,000

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden requests \$300,000 to support its support the "Green Youth Opportunity Program", which provides innovative science and environmental education programming for at-risk youth. The "Green Youth Opportunity" program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because, by serving more than 3,000 of Brooklyn's youth each year, BBG provides a continuum of educational experiences that equips the next generation of environmental leaders to promote sustainability and urban agriculture. In a safe environment, these students gain the ability to address future challenges with coveted 21st century skills, such as adaptability, complex communications skills, and the abilities to work towards solving unusual and unexpected problems.

Brooklyn Children's Museum
145 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
Amount Requested: \$570,000

The Brooklyn Children's Museum is requesting \$570,000 for its "Museum Team Educational, College Preparation and Job Training Program," which offers a free of charge year round after school program to 250 Brooklyn children and teens with over 800 facilitated out of school program hours. This program, which is currently at risk for severe cuts due to state, local, and private donor funding shortfalls, serves young people from many diverse underserved neighborhoods in NY-11 and across Brooklyn. The federal funding will ensure that staffing levels required by the City of New York will be maintained. "The Museum Team Educational, College Preparation and Job Training Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the program supplements New York City and New York State curriculum requirements for 250 children and youth. The program

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also prepares young people for college and provides them with their first employment opportunities.

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
256-260 Broadway
Brooklyn, NY 11211
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A requests \$500,000 for its “Brooklyn Community and Economic Development (CED) Collaborative.” Funding will be used to provide critical legal services and generate jobs in communities with high rates of unemployment by representing non-profit CBOs in legal matters. “Brooklyn Community and Economic Development (CED) Collaborative” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these legal services help create a more stable and safer neighborhood for the Brooklyn community.

City Parks Foundation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065
Amount Requested: \$150,000

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is requesting a \$150,000 for its “Free Summer Youth Programs”, free arts sports and education programming for at risk youth. CPF works in over 750 parks across New York City, reaching more than 600,000 people each year with a broad range of free arts, sports, and education programs. CPF empowers citizens to utilize their local parks as public spaces to enhance community health and well-being in inner-city neighborhoods. The City Parks Foundation's free arts sports and education programming for at risk youth is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because CPF's programs focus on under-served communities that are plagued by high-rates of obesity, diabetes, hypertension and asthma. Parks with dedicated volunteers and active programming become safe havens for community members and discourage vandalism and deviant behavior. In NY-11, CPF programming is available in Betsy Head Playground, Brower Park, Greenwood Playground, Jackie Robinson Playground, Lincoln Terrace Park, and Prospect Park.

EAC, Inc.
175 Remsen St.
5th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Amount Requested: \$500,000

EAC, Inc. requested \$500,000 for its Brooklyn "Treatment Alternatives to Safer Communities" (TASC) project. The program provides an alternative to incarceration for nonviolent offenders in the form of treatment plans and drug testing. TASC also provides employment and vocational support. The program also treats the offenders' mental, physical, and substance abuse issues and provides employment and vocational support. TASC carefully matches offenders to the most appropriate treatment program and monitors that offender's progress in treatment for the Court. In the last 15 years, TASC has established a reputation in New York City for being able to work

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successfully within the criminal justice system and in the counties where it operates, however the program has experienced significant state and local budget cuts. This funding will enable TASC to continue services to more than 250 clients throughout Brooklyn, including case management support and court liaison assistance for periodic compliance reporting to the courts, HIVS/AIDS services, and employment/ vocational support.

“TASC” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a cost effective alternative to expensive incarceration of non-violent offenders. EAC’s TASC programs provide a cost effective, responsible alternative to expensive and ineffective incarceration, saving taxpayers more than \$17 million city-wide last year alone. In 2008, the program served 114 offenders in the 11th Congressional District who suffered from substance abuse and mental illness, saving taxpayers approximately \$796,500 in incarceration costs. Despite the acknowledgments within the criminal justice system of the value of TASC, the program has experienced substantial cuts to funding. This past year, TASC support was cut by more than \$500,000.

Good Shepherd Services
305 Seventh Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Good Shepherd Services is requesting \$500,000 for its "Good Shepherd Services Mentoring Initiative". In order to address the variety of needs and interests of the over-aged and under-credited young people in Brooklyn and their families, Good Shepherd Services school-based efforts are customized and in addition to its 3 model transfer schools, include 10 Young Adult Borough Centers for over-aged and under-credited youth who need an afternoon-evening program; 4 pre-GED/GED models that address the needs of youth who are not eligible or able to engage in a full-day program. The majority of these programs have Learning to Work components which offer paid internships and career/ employment seminars resulting in 891 paid internships placements and support for students of its programs last year. Together these programs graduated 1290 students, of whom 1019 obtained high school diplomas, and the remainder received GEDs. In 2009, over 1,000 young people from the 11th Congressional District benefited from Good Shepherd’s mentorship initiative. The “Mentoring Initiative” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Good Shepherd Services works with the most vulnerable youth and families to enhance their skills and opportunities for academic and career success.

Medgar Evers College
1650 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Amount Requested: \$250,000

Medgar Evers College requests \$250,000 to expand its "Brooklyn International Trade Development Center" (BITDC) programming. Funds will be used to: 1) develop an office for Global Education and Career Development (GECDD) that would advance global education at Medgar Evers College and for the business community at large including those seeking jobs in international trade; 2) enhance BITDC’s operations and to position BITDC on a path of sustainability, which includes full integration within the School of Business and the university at

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large; and 3) expand BITDC's capacity to meet the great demand of local small businesses for resources and information about opportunities for redevelopment and rehabilitation after cases of disasters in vulnerable & emerging countries, including Haiti. "Brooklyn International Trade Development Center" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because in an ever increasing global economy, making the over 36,000 businesses in Brooklyn export ready will expand the Brooklyn economy. Expanding this program will enable approximately 15,000 Brooklyn small businesses to access export and contracting opportunities, thereby creating more jobs and tax revenue in Brooklyn.

Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, Inc. (MoCADA)
80 Hanson Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Amount Requested: \$250,000

Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, Inc. (MoCADA) requested \$250,000 for its "MoCADA Education Department" programs, which consists of guided school tours, An "African Diaspora Artist-In-Residency Program", a high school and college internship program, as well as curriculum development and professional development seminars. "MoCADA Education Department" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this expansive educational program provides free multicultural educational programming to 30,000 teachers and at-risk students throughout Brooklyn, New York.

New York Junior Tennis League
58-12 Queens Boulevard
Suite 1, 59th Street Entrance
Woodside, NY 11377
Amount Requested: \$300,000

New York Junior Tennis League requested \$300,000 for its "Tennis, Sports, Literacy, and Education Programs for High Risk New York City Young People from Low-Income Families" projects. The program includes tennis lessons, tutors, homework help, nutrition and life skills, cultural activities, and free books for youth. Last year, 10,263 young people in the 11th Congressional District participated in New York Junior Tennis League's programs.

"Tennis, Sports, Literacy, and Education Programs for High Risk New York City Young People from Low-Income Families" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides fitness and educational after-school and summer activities to several thousand youth. The programs offer young people meaningful alternatives to the negative influences that surround them every day and supplement the critical shortage of structured in-school sports programs in public schools. This project would directly create or save 63 jobs in NY-11.

Phoenix House
164 West 74th Street
New York, NY 10023
Amount Requested: \$750,000

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Phoenix House requests \$750,000 for its "Phoenix House Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Services for Brooklyn Residents" project. The project offers substance abuse treatment and support services to more than 700 Brooklyn residents with a history of drug abuse. They have adapted their substance abuse treatment programs and services to reflect the latest best-practices and changing needs of their clients, and are well-positioned to provide Brooklyn residents with the types of specialized services these challenging times call for. "Phoenix House Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Services for Brooklyn Residents" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by providing support services and vocational training there will be a reduction in substance abuse relapse and recidivism amongst more than 700 Brooklyn residents.

Prospect Park Alliance
95 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Prospect Park Alliance requested \$500,000 for its "Youth Training and Education Program." The public and private school programs support New York State standards in science, math, social studies, and language arts for all grade levels and are designed to engage children of diverse cultures, ages, learning styles, and abilities. The Brooklyn Academy of Science and the Environment (BASE) High School links the Park closely to urban neighborhoods, emphasizing the natural environment's relevance to the school's population of low-income and minority students. The "Youth Training and Education Program" at Prospect Park is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it develops the curriculum and teaches visitors about the natural world and its stewardship, which supports the Alliance's mission to maintain the Park as a resource for the community, especially for those from under-resourced and under-resourced neighborhoods. The Prospect Park Alliance also recently received the EPA Region 2 Environmental Quality Award.

Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation
58-12 Queens Blvd.
Suite 1, 59th Street Entrance
Queens, NY 11377
Amount Requested: \$300,000

Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation is requesting \$300,000 for its "School Based After School Programs". The program target academically struggling students in under-performing K-12 public schools that are Title 1 eligible. "School Based After School Programs" are a valuable use of taxpayer funds because they focus on 3 of the greatest threats to young people – alarming high school drop-out rates, high rates of childhood obesity, and increasing youth-on-youth violence. All SASF programs are free for young people or their parents. Federal aid will restore these threatened services for young people. In 2009, 4,538 children from NY-11 participated in SASF's after school programs. Additionally, the SASF provided 223 jobs to adolescents and young adults to work for the after school programs. Additional funding will create new jobs, especially for community high school and college students, while also increasing the number of young people served and the number of their parents whose jobs will be more secure because they have a safe, free, and trusted place to send their children.

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United States Steel Band Association Inc.
3510 Church Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Amount Requested: \$200,000

The United States Steel Band Association is requesting \$200,000 for its "USSA Steelband and Education Year-Round Program." Every school year, 5,000 students from P.S. 249, 245, 189, 161, 246, MS 2, 246, 394, 390, 352, 391, and Clara Barton HS (K600), Paul Robeson HS (K625), and W.E. Dubois Academic HS (K489) will participate in the program where they will receive homework assistance, tutoring services, after school snacks, and engaging instruction in the history in a culturally relevant manner for the substantial Caribbean-and Haitian- American community in Brooklyn. "The USSA Steelband and Education Year-Round Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it promotes continuity of instruction for students, valuable homework assistance, tutoring, and food services to 5,000 elementary and middle school students per school year in the 11th Congressional District. The program provides a safe, learning environment for at risk youth. Additionally, the program for students in grades 9-12 focuses on college preparatory skills as well as workforce readiness. This program prevents juvenile delinquency and promotes a high achieving, college bound culture.

Financial Services Bill:

Business Outreach Center Network, Inc.
85 S Oxford Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Amount Requested: \$250,000

BOC Network Program is requesting for \$250,000 for its Child Care Business Development. The program will be a child care microenterprise and small business incubator program. BOC Network Program for Child Care Business Development is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project will serve 125 childcare business clients who provide services to over 200 local families in NY-11. The program will create jobs for these clients, stimulate entrepreneurial growth in Brooklyn and New York City, and bring quality, affordable childcare to low income communities.

Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (CACCI)
Brooklyn Navy Yard, Bld #5 , Mezz A, Unit 239
63 Flushing Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11205
Amount Requested: \$280,000

The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc (CACCI) is requesting \$280,000 for partial construction costs for its trade center and business incubator facility. The facility will assist Caribbean American and African Americans, women and other minority and small businesses to establish and maintain viable businesses and promote trade between the US and the Caribbean. Specifically, CACCI provides business assistance to small and start-up business owners, in areas of business planning, financing, procurement, certification, expansion,

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and export/import opportunities. The Caribbean Trade and Conference Center is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Center will facilitate job creation in NY-11 by providing expanded technical assistance and capacity building services to up to minority and women owned small businesses. Last year CACCI actively served over 500 businesses including entrepreneurs with the trade center they intend to increase the numbers to actively serve 2,000 local businesses each year. Moreover, the project will provide for an estimated 50 direct building trades jobs during the construction phase of the project as well as an additional 15 direct hires at CACCI to operate the Center.

Community Service Society of New York
105 East 22nd Street
New York, NY 10010
Amount Requested: \$750,000

Community Service Society of New York requested \$750,000 for its "Financial Education Program." The project provides financial education to low-wage earners. The project trains and mobilizes older adult volunteers to serve as community intermediaries, linking low-wage earners with effective banking practices. The intermediaries can share similar backgrounds and life experiences with the participants. "Financial Education Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides services to those who may fall victim to unscrupulous actors that prey on low-wage earners who attempt to manage their finances but do not have the resources to do so.

The Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush, Inc.
1550 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230
Amount Requested: \$205,000

The Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush, Inc. (COJO) is requesting \$205,000 for its "Community Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy Program". "COJO of Flatbush's Community Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the local Brooklyn economy will benefit from the creation of 255 new jobs for unemployed or underemployed individuals in NY-11. Additionally, the Financial Literacy initiative will assist 180 clients by giving them the necessary tools to maintain a healthy economic structure, and empower them on the road to financial independence.

Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
80 Maiden Lane, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10038
Amount Requested: \$600,000

Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty is seeking \$600,000 to expand its "Career Services Program." The program provides financial and vocational literacy, as well as job placement to low wage workers. This program directly meets the goals and objectives of SBA's small business development and entrepreneurship initiatives program by providing local small businesses with trained, motivated and supported personnel. The "Career Services Program" is a

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valuable use of taxpayer funds because it's free financial literacy and career training programs have helped thousands of residents from NY-11 better manage their finances and secure higher paying jobs.

Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, Inc.
306 West 36th Street
New York, NY 10018
Amount Requested: \$595,000

Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Inc is requesting \$595,000 for its financial literacy project. It seeks to expand its Financial Fitness Program. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because incorporating financial coaching will allow NHSEF to provide more services to more residents of underserved communities throughout the Flatbush area. Additionally, the organization will be able to better serve its returning clients.

Homeland Security Bill:

Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)
31 Tech Valley Drive
East Greenbush, NY 12061
Amount Requested: \$3,500,000

New York State Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination requested \$3,500,000 for its "Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center." The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), located in New York State, provides real time cyber threat detection and prevention for state and local governments across the country. It also enhances situational awareness of the state and local government cyber environment, improves cyber incident response, and provides for cyber security assessments of state and local government networks. The "Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because there is a huge disparity in state and local governments' capacity to handle current vulnerabilities and threats and/or to mitigate and recover from possible cyber attacks. The Center seeks to foster collaboration between as many states as possible to prevent attacks.

Interior and Environment Bill:

Brooklyn College, City University of New York
2900 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210
Amount Requested: \$875,000

The Brooklyn College Urban Environmental Sciences Institute requests \$875,000 for scientific equipment to enable our leading scientists to monitor and study a highly urbanized marine ecosystem. Jamaica Bay will be the site used to understand threats to coastal marine ecosystems and as a classroom to improve the participation and performance of America's students in science. The equipment requested will allow monitoring of key environmental variables over

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time, and research and simulations to understand the Bay's dynamics, to separate natural from human-influenced effects.

Brooklyn Historical Society
128 Pierrepont St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Amount Requested: \$500,000

The Brooklyn Historical Society is requesting \$500,000 for its "In Pursuit Of Freedom Curriculum Kit and Markers" project. The project will educate the public on the history of the Anti-slavery movement and the role in which Brooklyn residents played a part. The funding will be used to develop and produce two important components of the In Pursuit of Freedom program: 1) a new curriculum kit for Brooklyn students and accompanying professional development workshops for teachers in Brooklyn schools and 2) historical markers to be placed throughout Brooklyn in locations that evoke the story of abolition. "In Pursuit Of Freedom Curriculum Kit and Markers" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will place the history of race and freedom at the forefront of the public discourse, making it the most substantive Brooklyn-based public history effort in decades. BHS serves more than 70,000 teachers and students annually through its current education programs. The audience for walking tours based on the historic markers is projected to be 100,000 annually, but thousands more Brooklynites will see the historical markers every day because the 20 markers will be placed throughout the borough.

Gowanus Canal Conservancy
PO Box 150-652
Brooklyn, NY 11231
Amount Requested: \$550,000

Gowanus Canal Conservancy requested \$550,000 for its Gowanus Canal Sponge Park project. The project designs and constructs a publicly accessible esplanade and open space that incorporates carefully selected greenery to absorb and manage excess surface runoff. The canal area may be used for recreation and the mini-park gives the community ownership of a previously untended area. The Gowanus Canal Sponge Park project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides residents with a clean recreation destination. The select plants work as natural filters to clean toxic street runoff. This project serves as a national model for other formerly industrial areas in which residents have limited access to green space.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Bill:

Agudath Israel of America Community Services Inc.
42 Broadway, 14th floor
New York, NY 10004
Amount Requested: \$750,000

Agudath Israel is requesting \$750,000 for its "Project COPE", Career Opportunities and Preparation for Employment. Project COPE provides a comprehensive array of services targeting

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the economically disadvantaged, dislocated workers, displaced homemakers, and literacy deficient within the community. "Project COPE" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides a comprehensive array of services to up to 400 NY-11 residents per year, targeting the economically disadvantaged, dislocated workers, displaced homemakers and literacy deficient. The program has impacted the lives of thousands of New Yorkers since its inception over thirty years ago by providing comprehensive education and employment services to the neediest of NY-11 constituents. Agudath Israel estimates that the program helps create or maintain roughly 200 jobs per year in NY-11.

Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 1232
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Amount Requested: \$180,000

Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health requests \$180,000 for its "The Health Science Academy" project. Offered in partnership with SUNY Downstate Medical Center, the program provides three-year, college level curriculum in science and health to 500 talented, low to middle-income minority students attending Brooklyn public and parochial high schools. The curriculum is in accordance with National Science Education Standards and includes modules in cardiovascular, respiratory, nervous, digestive, reproductive, and neurological systems as well as Introduction to Physiology and Health Disparities. The Academy provides students with 28 weeks of instruction and educational activities in each of the Academy's three-year course of study. Approximately 98% of Academy graduates are accepted into college (the remainder postpone college for work or military services). Recent graduates include a Gates Millennium Scholar, a New York Times Scholar, and a Rhodes Scholar.

"The Health Science Academy of the Arthur Ashe Institute" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because aligns with 3 national issues: (1) increasing the number of minority health professionals as a means of addressing gender, race, and culture-based health disparities; (2) providing minority students with educational opportunities, mentorships, and other supports that prepare them to succeed in college and pursue rewarding careers; and (3) in spite of current economic conditions, the health care field continue to face a demand for increased numbers of professionals. The funding would be used to create five in house jobs and provide summer employment for 100 minority young people.

Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York, Inc.
1377 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Amount Requested: \$120,000

Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York is requesting \$120,000 for its "Educating Tomorrow's Leaders" project. The project expands the current partnership with Catherine MacAuley High School. In September of 2007, BHGHNY partnered with the Catherine McAuley High School and opened its educational and boarding program for forty (40) at-risk girls in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. The students are participants in the Principal's List, Honor Roll, student government, and the community service group. 100% of scholars who complete our program go on to

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college. "Educating Tomorrow's Leaders" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because a college education is one of the most important tools in breaking the chain of poverty. The young women, from disadvantaged families, are given a rigorous college preparatory education at no charge and receive a partial scholarship towards college tuition and continuing support services.

Brooklyn College, City University of New York
2900 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210
Amount Requested: \$800,000

Brooklyn College, City University of New York is requesting \$800,000 for its "Science: Training a New Generation of STEM Learners and Leaders" project. The project provides training in innovative Science Math Engineering and Math (STEM) education initiatives. "Science: Training a New Generation of STEM Learners and Leaders" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because President Obama and other national leaders have noted the decline in student interest and performance in STEM fields, with attendant concern that the US is falling behind in producing the diverse scientifically and technologically literate workforce needed to maintain US global economic competitiveness. This project is a model to introduce both new hands-on STEM teaching and innovative ways to motivate students to the study of STEM subjects. The project will benefit under-represented minority middle and high school students at partner schools in Brooklyn, as well as teachers and potential STEM teachers working toward undergraduate and graduate degrees in education at Brooklyn College.

Brooklyn Community Pride Center
93 Montague St. Suite 339
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Brooklyn Community Pride Center is requesting \$500,000 for its "Brooklyn Community Pride Center: Health and Wellness Center" project. The funding will support the design, planning and construction of a new health and wellness center to serve all of Brooklyn, featuring culturally competent, community-specific service and outreach to the LGBT population. "Brooklyn Community Pride Center: Health and Wellness Center" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the health center will not only expand health care access to Brooklyn residents, but it will also provide culturally competent, community-specific service and outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) populations. Brooklyn has one of the largest and most highly-concentrated (LGBT) populations in the world. The health center would close a void in providers and services that possess the cultural competency needed to help gain the trust and confidence of Brooklyn's LGBT population. There is an even larger gap in agencies that provide specialized services in a centralized location. The health center would fill that gap. The project will create 150 construction jobs and 70 permanent jobs in NY-11.

Brownsville Community Development Corporation
592 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212
Amount Requested: \$590,000

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Brownsville Community Development Corporation is requesting \$590,000 for its "Towards a 21st Century Medical Home in Central Brooklyn" project. The project would reconfigure a total of 23,000 sq ft of space on the 1st, 2nd, and basement floors to expand clinical spaces (adult med, OB/GYN, dental), and reconfigure non-clinical spaces (main lobby, medical records, 1st floor patient bathrooms, Human Resources, Social Services and Community Outreach, and roof). This funding would help close a projected funding gap of approximately \$591,000 towards capital costs. "Towards a 21st Century Community Medical Home in Central Brooklyn" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the residents of Central Brooklyn and East New York have complex and persistent health care needs that can best be addressed by proactive, easily accessible, culturally competent, and highly coordinated primary health care services. Area residents in general have such poor access to medical care that when surveyed by the City in 2001, about 29,000 random people from Central Brooklyn reported no current health care; 30,000 people did not get needed medical care in the prior year; and 58,000 people do not have a personal doctor. Among East New York residents, about 16,000 people reported no current health care coverage; 16,000 people did not get needed medical care in the prior year; and 36,000 people do not have a personal doctor. This project will increase BMS' capacity to meet the growing needs of these underserved communities.

Caribbean Women's Health Association

21 Snyder Ave.

2nd floor

Brooklyn, NY 11226

Amount Requested: \$280,000

The Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA) requests \$280,000 for its "Caribbean American Family Health Center" (CAFHC) project. They request will help fund renovations, capital equipment, and upgrades to the medical record systems. The CAFHC provides patient-focused, culturally competent health care services including a full range of primary care health services for 9,300 adults and children in Central Brooklyn. The Caribbean American Family Health Center Project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the CAFHC already provides a full range of primary and preventative health care services to over 9,300 adults and children in Brooklyn. The center is staffed by a team of health professionals and staff who speak English, Haitian Creole, Spanish and French to service the large Caribbean population in Brooklyn. These services are essential to the well being of a population that experiences high rates of poverty and has difficulty accessing services and systems due to cultural and language barriers. The target population to be served is made up of low income people of color residing in New York-11 and Central Brooklyn.

The Center for Civic Education

5145 Douglas Fir Road

Calabasas, CA 91302

Amount Requested: \$26,635,625 (NATIONAL PROJECT)

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

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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. They also promote students' capacities to participate competently and responsibility in the political life of their communities and the nation. Civic education/democracy will be critical with globalization of the economy. Students will need to not only understand the American system but international democracies as well.

Through the We the People programs every congressional district receives free sets of specialized textbooks for their schools at the upper elementary, middle and high school levels. Teachers benefit from professional development seminars and institutes to improve their content knowledge and teaching methods. A network of dedicated volunteers administers each program locally, adapting the program to their local needs and leveraging the federal funding with additional amounts at the state and local level in support of the program.

The School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program (SVPDP) provides valuable staff training to improve civic responsibility and promote positive attitudes. The Native American Initiative, administered as a part of the SVPDP, provides civic education programs and assistance to Native American schools. The High Needs Initiative is reaching out to students in schools that serve high percentages of socio-economically disadvantaged students and those experiencing attendance or truancy problems.

The Civitas International program provides for a series of exchanges among American educators from more than 30 U.S. states and District of Columbia with civic education leaders in more than 70 emerging and established democracies worldwide. This unique network of educators, civil society organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies has worked for more than a decade to develop quality curricular materials and train teachers throughout Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. In addition, U.S. and international educators collaborate on the development of lessons in comparative government for U.S. students.

Coalition for the Homeless
129 Fulton Street
New York, NY 10038
Amount Requested: \$500,000

Coalition for the Homeless is requesting \$500,000 for its "First Step Job Training Program". First Step prepares women for full-time, administrative careers in competitive office environments that pay a living wage and offer full health benefits. The organization provides formal GED training component for those students with no educational credentials, and offer additional trainings, seminars and certification opportunities to higher level graduates who wish to become more competitive in the workplace. Through intensive classroom training, internships, mentoring, and comprehensive social service support, the First Step Job Training Program transforms the lives of hundreds of homeless and low-income women every year, many of whom are dependent upon public assistance. During the past year, the First Step program provided career training and social services to 200 homeless and low-income women. By empowering

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them to reach self-sufficiency, First Step benefits every member of their families, effectively breaking the cycle of poverty for their children. “First Step Job Training Program” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because through intensive classroom training, internships, mentoring, and comprehensive social service support, the First Step Job Training Program transforms the lives of hundreds of homeless and low-income women every year, many of whom are dependent upon public assistance. First Step gives this underemployed population the hard and soft career skills to succeed in the workplace and the tools to provide a better life for their families. Over 75 percent of last year's graduated were placed in full-time careers that pay a living wage and offer full health benefits.

Council for Economic Education

122 East 42 Street, Suite 2600

New York, NY 10168

Amount Requested: \$5,018,625 (NATIONAL PROJECT)

The Economic Education Exchange Program administered by the Council for Economic Education involves teachers from 47 states and the District of Columbia, and has helped students in more than 40 emerging democracies understand the principles and institutions of a market economy and their relationship to democracy. This is accomplished through intensive professional development programs that bring educators from K-12 schools and institutions of higher education in the US together with educators in these emerging democracies in communities in the United States and eligible countries. Innovative curriculum that has proven highly effective in teaching the principles of market economies has been developed and translated into appropriate languages by teams of writers from the US and participating countries.

More specifically this involves professional development opportunities for educators in eligible countries (a Training of Trainers program which supports the development of a cadre of trained individuals who will train teachers in their home countries); for U.S. K-12 classroom teachers (seminars on globalization and other economic topics); and for educators from the eligible countries and the U.S. (a Training of Writers program that provides systematic training on writing instructional materials in economics for teachers).

CEE offers exchange activities (study tours to eligible countries for U.S. classroom teachers and study tours to the United States for educators from eligible countries) and supports “capacity building” activities that build on training provided by CEE and which support the development of economic education practices, programs, and delivery systems in eligible countries. Instructional materials have been developed for U.S. classrooms (nine publications) and CEE materials have been translated into 18 languages.

Council of Peoples Organization

1081 Coney Island Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11230

Amount Requested: \$300,000

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The Council of Peoples Organization is requesting \$300,000 for its “Family Empowerment Program.” The program provides comprehensive, culturally sensitive social services to low income immigrant women and families. FEP's domestic violence services provide comprehensive and confidential victim's services including individual and group counseling, conflict resolution, training, and support groups. FEP's health education services include workshops on such topics as flu vaccinations, maternal health services, food safety, nutrition, and healthy living. The program includes English as Second Language training, basic computer literacy, financial management and U.S. civics courses. “Family Empowerment Program” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides free employment training to facilitate the move from welfare to work, domestic violence prevention and counseling services, and health education services to over 600 low income immigrant women and families, particularly South Asians, in Brooklyn New York.

Crown Heights Jewish Community Council
392 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Amount Requested: \$200,000

The Crown Heights Jewish Community Council is seeking \$200,000 to launch its "Crown Heights Neighborhood IT Training and Work at Home Center" initiative. The initiative will provide basic to advanced computer training and employment placement services for the unemployed and underemployed who wish to secure work at home/ tele-commute positions. The facility will also include a state of the art telecommuter job center, including fully equipped workstations, as well as continuing education training for telecommuters. The "Crown Heights Neighborhood IT Training and Work at Home Center" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will train up to 400 unemployed and underemployed workers in new IT skills and provide them with employment search and placement services.

Fifth Avenue Committee
621 DeGraw Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Amount Requested: \$600,000

Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) is requesting is requesting \$600,000 to expand its "Brooklyn Neighborhood Revitalization, Employment Training & Worker Education Initiative." The initiative currently reaches as many as 2,000 low- and moderate-income residents in NY-11. FAC is currently experiencing dramatically increased demand for its free worker training, education, employment and wrap-around income support services, yet private donor and state/local support has waned due to the economic downturn. The additional funds are needed to maintain and expand vital services that train and prepare workers for jobs and extend the social safety net to those most affected by the economic recession in the 11th Congressional District. The “Neighborhood Revitalization, Employment Training & Worker Education Initiative” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because its programs provide job training, free career counseling, resume preparation assistance, computer skills classes, access to job listings and job placement services to low income New Yorkers.

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Jewish Children's Museum
792 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

The Jewish Children's Museum is requesting \$2,000,000 to complete the sixth and final outfitting phase of its "Tolerance and Understanding Exhibit." The exhibit will introduce children of all faiths to the events of Jewish history and culture to promote tolerance and cultural understanding in the largest Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish community in the country. Multitudes of people around the globe share common history, struggles, victories, and ideals with those of the Jewish people and the goal of the exhibit is to highlight those commonalities in a culturally rich and diverse community in NY-11.

The Jewish Children's Museum's Tolerance and Understanding Exhibit is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it seeks to promote tolerance in my district, which has been plagued by acts prejudice, bigotry and violence against the largest population of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews in the nation. The 11th congressional district of New York is one of the most diverse districts in the country and the lack of understanding amongst communities has fostered recent acts of violence and anti-Semitism in Crown Heights, Park Slope, and Brooklyn Heights this year alone. The concept of the museum was formed in response to an act of terrorism, which took the life of a 16- year old young man on the Brooklyn Bridge in 1994. The museum was created to educate children of all cultures about tolerance and understanding with the hope that knowledge and cross cultural understanding will help prevent future acts of anti-Semitism.

Kings County Hospital
451 Clarkson Avenue-B-1116
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Amount Requested: \$3,160,000

Kings County Hospital is requesting \$3,160,000 for the purchase of new radiology and nuclear medicine equipment. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Kings County Hospital Center is the major provider of health care services for the residents of Central Brooklyn. As a designated Trauma Center, the hospital is committed to maintaining a high level of care for its patients, especially in the area of diagnostic services. The equipment that has been identified for replacement is outdated. The requested replacement equipment will allow for faster, more accurate diagnoses and better patient comfort.

New York Methodist Hospital
506 Sixth Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215
Amount Requested: \$650,000

New York Methodist Hospital is requesting \$650,000 to purchase and install digital mammography equipment. The new digital mammography equipment is needed to address the needs of women requiring breast cancer screenings that enable early detection and more effective treatment of this disease. The digital mammography equipment is a Modern digital technology

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will allow NY Methodist to provide more precise breast screenings for over 34,000 patients annually, almost three times more screenings each year.

Ohel Children's Home and Family Services

4510 16th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11204

Amount Requested: \$585,000

Ohel Children's Home and Family Services is requesting \$585,000 for its "Ohel's Foster Care Program", which serves New York City children that are referred to foster care due to conditions of abuse or neglect. Ohel's Foster Care Program supports children and families in need on a year round basis. The program services hundreds of children and families through its multitude of pioneering social service programs that include foster care and residential programs; counseling; support and peer groups; preventive care; and training for foster families. For four consecutive years, Ohel has ranked as the number one provider in the New York City foster care system. "Ohel Foster Care Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it assists in placing children in foster care so that they can develop stable, healthy lives and become productive members of society. Youth in foster care are among our nation's most vulnerable, typically entering foster care as a result of extreme physical abuse and neglect coupled with the trauma cause by the disruption to their family and home environment. These children face a wide range of social and psychological problems that can make it difficult for them to develop into viable, productive young adults.

Reach Out and Read

56 Roland Street, Suite 100 D

Boston, MA 02129

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000 (NATIONAL PROJECT)

Reach Out and Read has been proven to be among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each regular checkup with a new book and a prescription to read together. Reach Out and Read is a national evidence-based school readiness initiative that promotes literacy and language development in infants and preschoolers, targeting children and families living in poverty and under-performing school districts. Fourteen peer-reviewed, published research studies spanning the last two decades clearly demonstrate the impact of the Reach Out and Read model and the importance of promoting early language and literacy skills in preparing children to excel in school. Today, Reach Out and Read serves 3.8 million children annually, but millions more children nationwide do not receive the necessary support and assistance they need to develop these critical skills and enter kindergarten ready to learn. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Reading Is Fundamental

1825 Connecticut Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20009

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Amount Requested: \$25,000,000 (NATIONAL PROJECT)

Funding will be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

St. Clair McKelway School (PS/IS 178)

2163 Dean Street

Brooklyn, NY 11233

Amount Requested: \$75,000

The St. Clair McKelway School (PS/IS 178) is requesting \$75,000 to upgrade its technology infrastructure, including its computer lab, which has not been upgraded since it was installed approximately fifteen years ago. The St. Clair McKelway School (PS/IS 178)"Technology Upgrade Project" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the school to provide a 21st century learning experience and critical security technologies for its low income, at risk student body. This public school, located in the Ocean Hill Brownsville section of Brooklyn, provides the only means of computer and internet access for nearly 650 students on a daily basis. The technology upgrades will enable teachers to implement innovative curriculum plans. The security systems upgrades are also critical in this high crime area of Brooklyn.

St. Francis College

180 Remsen Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

St. Francis College is requesting \$2,000,000 to finalize technology and equipment upgrades for its "Project Access" initiative. The upgrade will be to the communication arts facilities, which includes an HDTV studio, green room and a computer lab with audio and video software and hardware. Once complete, Project Access students will be able to study in a state-of-the-art facility that will prepare them to excel in fields that are essential to New York's continued economic competitiveness. "Project Access" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it develops the untapped potential of over 345 young people from Brooklyn's underserved communities. With extra academic and social support, these underserved students can successfully pursue a college degree, especially in the science, health, or information technology fields.

Teach for America

315 West 36th Street

Brooklyn, NY 10018

Amount Requested: \$50,000,000 (NATIONAL PROJECT)

These funds will be used to recruit, select, train and provide professional development to top recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in our nation's

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highest poverty communities. This funding will set Teach For America on the path to double in size by 2016, with nearly 17,000 teachers positively impacting the achievement levels of more than one million underserved students each year in more than 60 low-income regions in nearly all 50 states. In addition, our more than 52,000 alumni at this scale form a proven pipeline of talented leaders.

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Bill:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Amount requested: \$500,000

Brooklyn Botanical Garden requested \$500,000 for its “Flatbush Avenue Entrance and School Group Orientation Area”. The project will establish an inter-modal entrance facility that will accommodate the public, school buses, and visitors on bicycles. The location will include new ticket booths, visitor restrooms, and direct access to a school and camp group lunchroom. The “Flatbush Avenue Entrance and School Group Orientation Area” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because without the requested entrance facility, the area is inadequate to safely handle school groups, has minimal room for orientation, and does not have the necessary facilities to ensure a safe and comfortable visit for the 150,000 students who visit the Brooklyn Botanical Garden each year. The Brooklyn Botanical Garden is located in the 11th Congressional District. Additional funding is needed in FY11 because the total budget of this project is \$6,000,000. The Botanical Garden has obtained \$5.1 million in funding from the NY City Council, the Brooklyn Borough President, and private individuals. The total Federal support for this project, should this request be awarded, would total \$900,000. Each dollar awarded by Congress would be matched with approximately 6 dollars from private and local sources.

CAMBA
1720 Church Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226
Amount requested: \$3,500,000

CAMBA is requesting \$3.5 million for “Albany Gardens”, a permanent affordable and supportive housing development project on the grounds of Kings County Hospital Center. The project will consist of two buildings totaling 202 affordable and supportive units and approximately 180,000 square feet, including the cellar space. “Albany Gardens” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will create support for a growing homeless population and low income residents in a highly distressed section of Brooklyn. Of the 202 housing units, 144 units will be leased to formerly homeless individuals and families with special needs, funded through NY/NY III subsidies for on-site social services and medical services from Kings County Hospital. The remaining 58 units (including two 2-bedrooms units for live-in superintendents) will be leased to low-income families from the community earning no more than 60% of the current Area Median Income (AMI), as determined by HUD each year. Furthermore, the project would use energy efficient and green construction materials such as recycled content materials, fiberglass windows, high efficiency boilers and elevators, cellulose insulation, venting and low

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or no-VOC materials. The project has been accepted into the NYSERDA and LEED for Homes programs. This project's goals are to create affordable housing for low-income and special needs households. The project will create an estimated 50 green construction jobs in NY-11.

City of New York Department of Transportation
51 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007
Amount requested: \$900,000

The City of New York requested \$900,000 for reconstruction the Carlton Avenue Bridge in Brooklyn , NY to provide a vital north- south connection over the Long Island Railroad's Vanderbilt Yard. Bridge reconstruction is a critical element to improving transportation between the Prospect Heights and Fort Greene neighborhoods.