

Representative Yvette D. Clarke
Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations – Bringing Jobs and Services to NY-11

Clarke Secures Critical Funds for Brooklyn

Rep. Clarke secured nearly \$38 million in federal appropriations dollars to help revitalize the local economy and enhance the quality of life for Brooklynites. These funds will enhance the lives of New Yorkers by creating jobs, strengthening education, protecting our homeland, fostering natural resource preservation and renewable energy, increasing healthcare resources and supporting entrepreneurs, and will be directed to community organizations and government initiatives supporting these efforts. The conscientious use of federal resources designated for local projects of high public importance can have great benefits for the 11th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York state, and our nation.

In addition to these local projects, Rep. Clarke notified the appropriators of her support for several critical global programs such as the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, global health and education programs, and funding for Haiti. Clarke also supported critical nation-wide programs such as the Ryan White CARE Act services, the Minority AIDS Initiative, Head Start, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, the Child Care & Development Block Grant program, the Higher Education programs, Second Chance Act funding, Firefighter Assistance Grants and many more.

Clarke said, "I am proud to have secured these critical funds for my constituents. In addition to creating jobs, these funds will be used by community organizations to provide vital services and resources for Brooklyn's neediest families. The funds will also be used to protect our city from the threat of terrorist attack and invest in green technology research to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels."

Here is a list of all the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations funds Rep. Clarke secured on behalf of my constituents:

The After-School Corporation: \$100,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$100,000 for The After-School Corporation's "After-School Apprenticeship Program (ASAP)." The project provides eight weeks of training for teenagers in sports or arts apprenticeships. Trained apprentices will be placed in paid summer internships where they use their newly acquired skills in sports or arts to coach and lead others. **Approximately 30 high school interns will come from the 11th Congressional District and each intern will work directly with about 500 children from the District.** The "After-School Apprenticeship Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the high school apprentices and the children served gain self-confidence, life skills, and the ability to work as a team. The high school interns learn problem solving skills, leadership skills, patience, responsibility, and gain experience working with and understanding children.

Brooklyn Academy of Music: \$200,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$200,000 for Brooklyn Academy of Music's "BAM Youth Initiatives" project. The program helps at-risk youth develop creative and critical thinking skills and combats teenage delinquency through collaborations with the Red Hook Youth Court, the Urban Assembly for Law and Justice, and the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Students are immersed in dialogues on the arts and cultures based on the study of a selected nation of Africa or the African Diaspora. The program offers after-school and evening art workshops, as well as a semester long cultural curriculum. "BAM Youth Initiatives" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it creatively informs underserved and at risk youth about America's judicial system by helping them to examine and consider the consequences of making choices that do not follow the rules of law. It also serves as a positive force for personal growth, both broadening participants' intellectual horizons through encounters with foreign cultures and fostering the development of artistic skills and nurturing a positive self esteem.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden: \$400,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$400,000 for Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "Flatbush Avenue Entrance and School Group Orientation Area" project. 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 it will create construction jobs in NY-11 to build the entrance facility. Furthermore, 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.

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Brooklyn Children’s Museum: \$250,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$250,000 for Brooklyn Children’s Museum’s “Community Cultural and Education Center Construction” project. The project enables nearly year round use of the Community Cultural and Educational Center, which is located on the museum rooftop. A canopy will allow education programs, cultural programs, and earned income opportunities to take place regardless of the weather or season of the year. The “Community Cultural and Education Center Construction” project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because will create construction jobs in NY-11 to build the rooftop canopy. Furthermore, the space will be vital for the accommodation of the increased number of family visitors, large school and summer camp groups, and free community events such as “Free Fridays” which attracts over 5,000 visitors every July and August. The Brooklyn Children’s Museum is located in the 11th Congressional District.

Brooklyn College: \$900,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$900,000 for Brooklyn College’s “Development of Pollution Prevention Technologies” project. The project provides equipment to research new sources of biofuels and development methods for processing fuels that reduce or eliminate hazardous materials and waste. Brooklyn College scientists will investigate the potential of microalgae’s application in the production of renewable biofuels and biofertilizers that can also provide a method for utilization and recycling of carbon dioxide. The “Development of Pollution Prevention Technologies” project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the research equipment will be used to achieve a goal of large scale, low cost production processes for new high energy biofuels derived from algae, as well as water treatment processes that will abate greenhouse gasses. Biofuel produced from algae will be a safe, cost effective alternative fuel for aviation and for conventional petroleum based fuels in the future.

Brownsville Community Development Corporation: \$400,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$400,000 for the Brownsville Community Development Corporation’ “Towards a 21st Century Community Medical Home in Central Brooklyn” project. The Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center (BMS) provides and promotes integrative and high quality medical, dental, and social services to enable every individual and family in the community it serves to achieve maximum health. In 2008, the dental practice generated 8,454 patient visits. The practice has outgrown its current space and must relocate to a larger facility. The project also provides equipment for the patient-focused, senior-friendly “Geriatric Supportive Services Program.” The program places an emphasis on holistic care through disease management, peer support groups, referrals to on-site specialties, and case management. The “Towards a 21st Century Community Medical Home in Central Brooklyn” project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because over the past five years, Central Brooklyn has seen its primary care capacity depleted, leaving an estimated 6,000 to 10,000 residents without reasonable access to local healthcare services. The project provides much needed upgrades to the BMS’s vital dental and geriatric practices. Rep. Clarke has long supported Community Health Centers, as evidenced in her legislative record and work on the House Health Care Reform Bill on the Education & Labor Committee.

Central Brooklyn Housing Contractor Association: \$150,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$150,000 for Central Brooklyn Housing Contractor Association’s “Business Incubation and Development Project.” The project will develop and operate a small business incubator and development program designed to maximize the success of minority contractors and tradesmen. The project will create a business center in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn for use by small business owners to connect owners with other minority and women owned businesses for capacity building and technical assistance. The “Business Incubation and Development Project” is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide minority and women owned businesses with the administrative resources necessary to succeed. It will also build collaborations between contractors, provide professional development training, and provide access to capital sources. Rep. Clarke is dedicated to providing capacity building resources to small businesses in her district, as evidenced by this award as well as her legislative and committee work on the House Small Business Committee.

City of New York Police Department: \$20,000,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$20,000,000 in programmatic funding for the Securing the Cities Initiative that implements a unified strategy for defending the New York City region, including the surrounding New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut jurisdictions, against radiological and nuclear terrorist threats. This program, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security’s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) in New York City, is designed to create a detection and interdiction

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architecture for radiological materials. As the only New York City member on the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep Clarke is committed to protecting New Yorkers from terrorist threats.

Community Service Society of New York: \$117,500

Rep Clarke secured \$117,500 for the Community Service Society of New York' "Financial Education Program." The project provides financial education to low-wage earners. With a cohort of 7,500 elderly volunteers, comprising nearly 50% Black and Latino adults from communities around New York City, CSS will develop and implement a program that will train, mobilize, and supervise older adult volunteers to serve as community intermediaries, linking individuals with effective banking practices in NY-11. The intermediaries can share similar backgrounds and life experiences with the younger 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. Rep. Clarke is dedicated to providing financial literacy resources to her constituency.

Gay Men's Health Crisis: \$1,500,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$1,500,000 for Gay Men's Health Crisis' "Protecting the Health and Building a Prosperous Future for At-Risk Youth in New York City" project. The project will launch an HIV prevention campaign for at-risk youth by providing services including HIV testing, substance abuse and mental health counseling, meals and nutritional advice, legal services, and GED training and workforce development. "Protecting the Health and Building a Prosperous Future for At-Risk Youth in New York City" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because over **850 current clients, as well as additional new clients in the 11th Congressional District** will have access to services, via a mobile van in the District. This program will provide life saving services crucial in the fight to reverse the alarming rate of infection among youth in New York City.

Gowanus Canal Conservancy: \$300,000

Rep. Clarke requested \$300,000 for the Gowanus Canal Conservancy's "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. The Gowanus Canal Sponge Park is located in the 11th Congressional District.

New York Junior Tennis League: \$100,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$100,000 for New York Junior Tennis League's "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, **22,267 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. The project is very important to Rep. Clarke's work on the House Education and Labor Committee to support youth health and fitness programs as well as after school programs.

New York Structural Biology Center: \$3,200,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$3,200,000 for the New York Structural Biology Center's "Synchrotron Beamline Experimental Station." The project provides research and development for a new beamline end station for biological research at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) for use on its new third generation synchrotron. The beamline end station allows researchers to study a wider range of molecules than currently possible because of the station's ability to optimize the synchrotron's unique capabilities. Such molecules are implicated in deadly viruses and diseases including biological warfare agents. The "Synchrotron Beamline Experimental Station" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it **will provide critically important new technology research capabilities to scientists engaged in significant biological research affecting the lives and health of all U.S. citizens.** The biological research includes agents most likely used against our country by bioterrorists,

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including anthrax, bubonic plague, and smallpox, all of which fall under Rep. Clarke's oversight jurisdiction as Chairwoman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science & Technology.

New York's Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination Center: \$3,000,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$3,000,000 for New York State Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination Center's "Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center." The Center provides real time cyber threat detection and prevention for state and local governments. 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. The project is very important to Rep. Clarke's work as Chairwoman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science & Technology.

Ohel Children's Home and Family Services: \$350,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$350,000 for Ohel Children's Home's "At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention Program." The project provides a school-based mobile intervention team to provide evaluations, crisis intervention, and trauma and grief counselors for a variety of emotional, behavioral, and social problems, as well as those related to alcohol, drug, and substance abuse. The "At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention Program" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these services, targeted at at-risk youth, are available at 15 schools in the 11th Congressional District. **Thousands of students** at these schools have access to community education, crisis intervention, psychological counseling, and mentoring. The project is very important to Rep. Clarke's work on the House Education and Labor Committee to improve access to mental and behavioral health services for underserved youth.

Reach Out and Read National Center: \$6,000,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$6,000,000 for Reach Out and Read National Center's "Reach Out and Read" project. The project is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children of disadvantaged families. The program trains doctors and nurses to advise patients about the importance of reading aloud and of continuing pediatric medical visits. **The "Reach out and Read" project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because there are 10 programs in the 11th Congressional District, serving 25,557 children each year.** Despite this service, there are still a large number of children who do not receive the necessary support and assistance for entrance into kindergarten who will not be reached without funding. The project is very important to Rep. Clarke's work on the House Education and Labor Committee to improve early childhood education in underserved communities.

St. Francis College: \$650,000

Rep. Clarke secured \$650,000 for St. Francis College's "Project Access." The project provides a comprehensive series of tutor and mentor services to young people from underserved communities who lack the grades and test scores needed for college admission. In 2008, the 280 student participants averaged 200 points lower on the SAT than St. Francis College's incoming freshman class. Despite the initial disparity, the majority of participants progressed towards their degrees with mean grade point averages comparative to their peers. "Project Access" is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it develops the untapped potential of 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. St. Francis College is located in the 11th Congressional District. The project is very important to Rep. Clarke's work on the House Education and Labor Committee to create opportunities for underserved youth to access higher education.