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Washington, DC - Below is the list of spending requests (earmarks) Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey submitted to the Committee on Appropriations for funding during Fiscal Year 2008. Requests are listed by bill in alphabetical order.

Agriculture

Biologically-based Integrated Management of Invasive Aquatic and Riparian Weeds and Biology and Management of Invasive Weeds in the Western US

ARS-Salaries and Expenses

Ludwigia spp. is a severe aquatic weed problem throughout California and several other western states. This would expand research efforts on this problem as it affects the Laguna de Santa Rosa and similar waterways. New methods of both short and long-term management are the desired outcomes which will be based on new information on the biology, ecology, and control of this plant in complex wetlands. Assessment of both in-stream and upland areas will be linked through quantitative SWAT models, which will be used for land use and management planning on a watershed scale.

Colgan Creek Park and Preserve in Santa Rosa, CA: \$500,000

NRCS - Conservation Operations

Would create a 17-acre park preserve that includes a restored creek and park in an under-served area in southwest Santa Rosa that lacks adequate green space and parks. The Colgan Creek Park and Preserve will meet the needs of Sonoma County citizens in several important ways, resulting in the preservation of ecologically significant habitat, restoration of a creek channel, connection of existing pedestrian and bicycle pathways, creation of a neighborhood park, and potential partnership opportunities for outdoor education.

Sudden Oak Death: \$18.75 million

APHIS, CSREES, and ARS - Salaries and Expenses

Seeking funding for federal agencies dedicated to the research and management of the Sudden Oak Death problem in Marin and other coastal California counties. Continued research is necessary to develop an adequate method for detecting, monitoring the spread of, and understanding the infection process of the disease. Regulation of affected areas and plants is

critical to prevent spread to other regions. Since being discovered in Marin in 1994, the disease has killed thousands of trees from Big Sur to Humboldt County.

Sudden Oak Death Initiative: \$2,000,000

ARS- Salaries and Expenses

Requests for federal assistance to address growing wildfire concerns as a result of Sudden Oak Death (SOD). Widespread SOD infection has killed hundreds of thousands trees in the County and has produced potentially dangerous and unpredictable fire conditions. County and local fire officials are concerned that increasing fuel loads create the potential for a fire of similar or greater magnitude than the Creighton Ridge Fire, which consumed 11,405 acres and burned 64 homes. The threat from SOD in Sonoma County requires immediate action.

Commerce/ Justice/State

Center for Women Policy Studies: \$950,000

DOJ- Office of Justice Programs

The Center will continue the National Institute on State Policy on Trafficking of Women and Girls' program, to: advise state legislators in California other states on policy reform to address trafficking of women and girls into the state; maintain the Center's online Clearinghouse on Trafficking Policy; conduct the annual GlobalPOWER (Partnership of Women Elected/Appointed Representatives) program; educate community leaders on international trafficking of women and girls and the role of the states.

Center Point Re-entry and Community Integration: \$500,000

DOJ - Office of Justice Programs

Center Point's Re-Entry and Community Integration Services will provide outreach, counseling, education, supportive housing, job readiness training and job placement services. Additional case management and counseling services include job retention, family counseling and reunification, positive parent-child interaction and peer mentoring. Center Point will provide these services on site as well as referrals to a network of civic, social and faith based organizations.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Program for Hamilton Communities: \$200,000

DOJ- Office of Justice Programs

The Hamilton Services Committee has identified the need for safe, supervised and affordable after school recreation as a top priority for the neighborhood. Substance abuse prevention programs are needed for both elementary school aged children and for teenagers attending middle school or high school in Novato. A sub group of the committee has been formed to plan, develop, and seek funding for a free after school recreation program for children and teens at Hamilton, which would also provide a substance abuse prevention program.

MESH Technology Program: \$1,000,000

DOJ- COPS

Funding to complete technology upgrades (MESH technology) in the City of Novato. Mesh technology offers big boosts to range and speed of wireless signals. This technology offers an integrated wireless communication solution that provides a high performance and reliable broadband network. It is an IP or Internet Protocol based communication system that provides instant and reliable mobile broadband network.

Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund: \$90,000,000

Department of Commerce - NOAA

To provide federal share of funding to restore salmon and steelhead fisheries in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Alaska.

Project Avary: \$240,000

DOJ - Office of Justice Programs

Project will support and enrich the lives of children whose parent(s) are in prison through year-round programming that builds self-esteem and teaches how to manage anger, mediate conflict, and make positive life decisions. Avary targets pre-adolescent children of incarcerated parents and works with them into their teens, emphasizing social skills development, self-expression, environmental education, physical fitness, and life skills so that they can participate fully in community life and avoid violence and criminality.

Defense

None requested.

Energy & Water

Bioremediation - Russian River: \$2,500,000

COE- CG

Funding for \$2.5 million dollar permanent, bio-engineered stream bank stabilization effort on Northern California's Russian River. Several severe (recent) floods have dangerously imperiled the stability of a new sanitary sewer system that serves the Odd Fellows community on the south bank of the Russian River. Without this stabilization, a sewer system serving hundreds of fixed-income senior homeowners (and other infrastructure including the community's only access road and underground/overhead utilities) could be lost to the river in the event of another flood.

Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration: \$600,000

COE -- GI

Federal appropriation of \$600,000 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for completion of the feasibility study of the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration Project, consistent with Army Corps capability.

Corte Madera Creek Flood Control: \$500,000

COE - Construction

Federal funding is requested for the Army Corps of Engineers Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project for the fourth and final phase of the project. While 75% of the project has been constructed, it is less than 25% effective. The final phase (Unit 4) is needed to make the entire flood control project function as originally designed. The project impacts 240 homes, 75 retail/commercial structure, two elementary schools, the College of Marin campus, two post offices, and the Ross Town Hall and firehouse.

Dry Creek (Warm Springs) Lake and Channel: \$9.23 million

ACOE - Operations and Maintenance

Funds are requested to continue the US Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance program at the Dry Creek (Warm Springs) Dam and to make modifications and procedural changes in dam operations to support conservation and recovery of coho, and chinook salmon and steelhead trout. Modifications would improve facilities for breeding and rearing coho salmon under the coho broodstock program. A The Warm Springs dam provides secure water supplies for more that 600,000 people and large agricultural sector.

Geroscience Research Initiative: \$4,000,000

DOE-Science

Seeking funding for the development of the most dynamic and aggressive research program in aging and age related disease in the country. Will create the first postdoctoral research training program in the new interdisciplinary field of Geroscience. Will create the new discipline of Geroscience, which will lead to solutions for problems that are currently insoluble. Will foster far reaching changes in healthcare, by creating a system that embraces pre-symptomatic diagnosis coupled with disease prevention for chronic illnesses.

Hamilton Airfield - Language Request

COE-CG

“The Secretary is directed to use \$850,000 of the funds appropriated herein to provide a grant to the city of Novato, California, for the city to expend for the purpose of planning, designing and constructing such alternative access routes as may be required to facilitate implementation of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project, *Hamilton Airfield, California.*”

Hamilton Airfield Wetlands Restoration: \$7.65 million

COE - CG

Federal funding of \$7.65 million is requested to use clean dredged sediment from San Francisco Bay to recreate tidal and non-tidal wetlands at the Hamilton Airfield along northern San Francisco Bay. The project will divert millions of cubic yards of clean sediment from aquatic disposal, provide extensive wetlands habitat for waterfowl and fish, and improve water quality in the bay.

Laguna de Santa Rosa: \$400,000

COE - GI

To continue a US Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study currently focused on an effort to determine the causes and extent of excessive sedimentation in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The study will provide a detailed analysis of the problem and evaluation of options to minimize its impacts on the community and ecosystem. Specific studies include detailed topographic mapping, identification of sediment sources and hydraulic analyses.

North Bay Water Reuse Project: \$300,000

Bureau of Reclamation - Water and Water Reclamation

The Project could deliver up to 35,000 acre feet of recycled water to address regional imbalances and would serve the southern edge of the Carneros Region where surface supply is unreliable and groundwater is of poor quality and low yield. The Project could also supply water for small scale urban needs and environmental projects.

Petaluma River Flood Control: \$1,800,000 (UPDATED request amount)

COE- Construction

This project completes installation of the sheet pile wall at Lakeville Street, construction of the Mainline Railroad Switch and Industrial Lead to Dairyman's Feed and Supply, and removal of the Spur Line trestle bridge across the Petaluma River. In addition, in December 2006, a portion of the previously completed earthen channel embankment failed slide, as well as investigation of the flood walls, are necessary to ensure the long-term integrity of the project. This project is necessary to complete the Petaluma River Flood Control project and ensure the 100-year flood design capacity of the new channel.

UPATED: In December 2006, a portion of the previously completed earthen channel embankment failed. This channel embankment is a component of the flood control project and must be repaired to meet the requirements of the original project design, and a post-construction investigation of a portion of the flood walls must be conducted to verify the design factor of safety and ensure the long-term integrity of the project. This work must be accomplished to adequately protect the most flood-prone part of our community. Sec. 902 waiver will be needed due to extenuating circumstances.

Petaluma River Maintenance Dredging: \$5.5 million

COE - O&M

Historically, maintenance dredging is performed every 3 to 4 years to maintain navigability and flood conveyance capacity for the Petaluma River channel. This project provides for maintenance dredging of a channel 100 feet wide and -8 feet deep from the mouth of the river at Black Point to Western Avenue in Petaluma, including a turning basin 300 to 400 feet wide and -8 feet deep; thence 50 feet wide and -4 feet deep to Washington Street in Petaluma. In addition,

the project provides for maintenance dredging of a channel 200 feet wide and -8 feet deep across the flats in San Pablo Bay to the mouth of the River at Black Point.

Russian River Ecosystem Restoration: \$500,000

COE - GI

Funds are requested to continue a US Army Corps of Engineers project to support development and operation of a watershed council and preparation of watershed planning documents for the Russian River watershed. The project deserves funding because it is developing planning documents that will assist in conserving the hydrologic and ecological resources of a major coastal watershed in California. About 600,000 people and a large agricultural sector depend on the watershed for water supply.

San Francisco Bay, Delta Model Structure: \$1.3 million

COE - O&M

\$1.3 million in federal funding is sought for the operation of the San Francisco Bay Delta Model Structure, which provides educational opportunities for the general public, particularly for schools throughout the Bay Area.

San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration: \$300,000

COE - GI

Funds are requested to continue a US Army Corps of Engineers project intended to restore approximately 80 square miles of historic wetlands surrounding San Pablo Bay in Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, and Contra Costa counties. The restoration would benefit wildlife, endangered species and provide recreational opportunities for adjacent, urban communities. An additional goal of the project is to provide a reliable water supply through the use of the existing systems to provide treated wastewater for agricultural production and managed wetlands. More than 2 million bay area residents would benefit from improved recreational opportunities and a healthier bay ecosystem.

San Rafael Canal Dredging: \$4,350,000

COE- O&M

The San Rafael Creek Federal Channel ("San Rafael Canal") was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors appropriation Act of 1919. The project was completed in 1928. Since 1930, the Army Corps of Engineers has dredged the Canal on 12 separate occasions, most recently in 2003. Maintenance dredging is essential to San Rafael's economy and plays a vital public safety role as well.

Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration: \$300,000

COE - GI

Since the mid-1990s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working with the City of Santa Rosa in studying the feasibility of an ecosystem restoration project for Santa Rosa Creek. In the initial phase, the Corps identified an issue about the creek's capability to handle a 100-year flood. As a result, the Corps, the City and the Sonoma County Water Agency have started a phased study to determine potential flood damage and solutions to any issues that are identified, as well as an ecosystem restoration project. The \$9 million project will take six to eight years to complete. A signed Project Management Plan is in place. The 2007 phase of the project, if funded, would use hydrology, surveying and mapping information from prior phases to prepare flood plain maps.

Santa Rosa Creek Watershed GI: \$500,000
COE-GI

Funding for this project would continue a US Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation project intended to evaluate flood risk for the watershed, determine the flood capacity of the existing channels and identify steps required to improve flood protection for the City of Santa Rosa area. Studies also address restoration of fishery habitat for three listed salmonid species occurring in the region. Specific analyses include completion of topographic surveys and analysis of hydraulic capacity in the watershed.

Santa Venetia Flood Control: \$938,000
COE - CG 205

Federal funding for FY 2008 in the amount of \$938,000 for the completion of the Initial Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Las Gallinas Creek/Santa Venetia Levee Flood Control Project. This proposal also includes statutory language for a Benefit-Cost Ratio Waiver to allow a local entity to provide a higher level of cost-sharing to produce a Federal Interest. The levees were last repaired in 1983 and have deteriorated to such a point that rehabilitation and restoration is imminently needed.

SMART Bio Diesel Manufacturing Unit: \$3,000,000
DOE- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

SMART has proposed clean diesel rail vehicles, operating on a 20% blend of bio-diesel. This combination would make this system one of the cleanest rail systems in the country and would eliminate an estimated 124,000 lbs of green house gases every day. The North Bay currently does not have a major bio-diesel manufacturing center that could provide abundant, reliable and easily transported bio-diesel rail fuel.

Financial Services

None requested.

Homeland Security

Petaluma Fire Department Safety Equipment: \$284,000

Office of Grants Programs - Firefighter Assistance Grants

SCBAs are worn by firefighters to provide safe, clean breathing air, when the firefighters enter a hazardous environment. The Petaluma Fire Department needs to replace their existing SCBAs that have reached the end of their service life and to come into compliance with OSHA Standard 29CFR1910.134 and 29CFR1910.120, and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1981. These new SCBAs will come equipped with Integrated Personal Alarm Safety Systems that provide both a visible and audible alarm when the firefighter becomes incapacitated at the scene of an emergency, enabling other firefighters to locate their incapacitated peer and successfully affect a rescue. These new SCBAs will be compatible with the units utilized by neighboring fire service agencies.

Santa Rosa Radio Interoperability: \$200,000

General Provisions

The City of Santa Rosa has a critical need for emergency responder radio interoperability that meets the basic standards set out by the Department of Homeland Security and APCO (Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials). To accommodate a variety of funding scenarios, the City presents its request as three tiers (immediate, mid-term and long-term needs) and welcomes funding for any/all tiers.

Interior

Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration and Preservation: \$1,500,000

NPS- Statutory or Contractual Aid

The Angel Island Immigration Station is considered the “Ellis Island of the West” but has not received the same kind of support and treatment as Ellis Island. More than one million immigrants entered the United States through the Angel Island Immigration Station between 1910-1940. Many came from China and other parts of Asia. The most urgent need is the Immigration Station Hospital building, which is deteriorating rapidly and is in danger of being lost forever. Restored, the Hospital would be used as a museum, administrative, interpretative and genealogical research facility.

Camp Meeker. Occidental Wastewater Reclamation: \$2,000,000

EPA-STAG

Funds are requested for construction of a sewer collection system for the community of Camp Meeker and a wastewater reclamation system to serve Camp Meeker and the community of Occidental. Camp Meeker is currently with a sanitation system and is relying on failing septic systems for sanitation. The poorly performing septic systems are a threat to Dutch Bill Creek, a key salmon stream that is home to some of the last remaining wild coho salmon in the Russian River system. The Regional Board has issued compliance orders for Occidental CSD to

complete upgrades to its sewer system to prevent future overflows. Because Occidental is a small, low-income community the cost of needed repairs cannot be met by increase sewer rates. The residents and businesses are already paying among the highest sewer rates in California and the increases required to fund the sewer project would likely force businesses to close increasing the burden on residents.

Coastal Enhancements and Restoration - Golden Gate Parks

EPA-EPM

The project will implement priority coastal watershed and habitat enhancement and restoration activities within 970 acres of threatened natural habitat along the California coast within the Golden Gate National Parks. The project is the implementation component of a recently completed planning effort that directly links natural resource enhancement and restoration actions with trail planning and visitor management strategies.

Skaggs Island Renovation: \$2,000,000

US Fish and Wildlife Service-National Wildlife Refuges

\$2,000,000.00 is needed to augment \$6 million in State funds to demolish and remove contaminated structures within the 3,300 acre former Skaggs Island Naval Security Group and begin pre-restoration planning. Removal of structures will facilitate transfer of property from DOD/GSA to the State of California for restoration to natural habitats and long-term lease to the USFWS to be operated as part of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Tomales Bay Wastewater Treatment

EPA-STAG

Federal funding of \$3 million is requested to upgrade failing and substandard on-site sewage disposal systems along Tomales Bay to improve water quality within the bay. Upgrades may include conversion to small community waste treatment systems.

Labor/HHS Education

After School Recreation Program - Novato: \$200,000

DOE - Higher Education

The Hamilton Services Committee has identified the need for safe, supervised and affordable after school recreation as a top priority for the neighborhood. Programs are needed for both elementary school aged children and for teenagers attending middle school or high school in Novato. As a result of this need, a sub group of the committee has been formed to plan, develop, and seek funding for a free after school recreation program for children and teens at Hamilton. The key members of this sub group are the Novato Unified School District, Hamilton-Meadow Park Principal and staff, and staff from the City of Novato Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center: \$4,000,000

Institute of Museums and Library Sciences - Museums and Libraries

The CIMCC seeks to enrich the public by providing Native perspectives. Using storytelling conveyed through sophisticated, interactive multi-media, the CIMCC helps school children and their teachers and other nationwide audiences explore the collective experiences of California Indians and their contribution to the dynamic cultural, economic and social life of California as a whole.

Center for Sustainability - Dominican University: \$250,000

DOE-Higher Education

The Center will partner with business, government and other universities by designing, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating multiple environmental research initiatives, focused on practical solutions and innovative responses to the extraordinary challenges of climate change, energy constraints, pollution and waste. The Center will also offer professional development training for business practitioners through the use of e-learning modules that will help business prepare for carbon trading and cost-inspired redesign of business and manufacturing processes.

Geroscience Research Initiative - Buck Institute: \$4,000,000

HHS - Administration on Aging

\$4 million in FY 2008 for the development of the most dynamic and aggressive research program in aging and age related disease in the country. This initiative has several specific research aims including to establish an interdisciplinary research program on the aging-disease relationship with a focus on neurodegeneration and cancer; establish an Interdisciplinary Research Program on the role of chance and stochastic processes in aging outcomes; and, optimize ongoing interdisciplinary approach to understanding extended lifespan and healthy aging interventions.

ICU/ Telemedicine Outreach Program at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital: \$2 Million

HHS - HRSA

To support the leverage of the scarce resource of intensive care workers by providing high-tech electronic ICU monitoring, both at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and in surrounding rural communities where there are no intensive care workers.

Marin Business Center for Women: \$500,000

DOL - ETA

Women's Initiative is establishing a fully bilingual and culturally competent neighborhood Business Center for Women in Marin where low-income and immigrant women access business plan training and ongoing support, such as consultations, financing, and networking opportunities. There is currently a large unmet need in Marin for these services and for nearly 20

years, aspiring entrepreneurs in Marin have needed to travel to San Francisco to participate in our program. Now, by opening the Marin Business Center for Women, we are filling this need by allowing hundreds of North Bay women who previously were unable to access our services receive and benefit from our business plan training, ongoing support, access to markets, and financial services. Research shows that after participation in the program, our clients move from poverty to prosperity and significant economic benefit is generated for the local community, including establishment of vibrant, local businesses and creation of quality jobs.

Marin Breast Cancer Research: \$4,400,000

HHS - OS

Funding is requested to finance the federal share of a \$5.5 million research project to investigate the high and increasing incidence rate of breast cancer in Marin County. Marin County has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in California and the United States.

Marin Community Clinic: \$1,000,000

HHS-HRSA

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital seeks funding to support the leverage of the scarce resource of intensivists by providing high-tech electronic ICU monitoring, both at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and in surrounding rural communities where there are no intensivists, including Petaluma Valley Hospital, Healdsburg General Hospital in Healdsburg, California, Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol, California, and other small rural hospitals as the program develops in the second stage. This will be accomplished through the use of advanced software systems and cutting-edge telemedicine technology that allow physicians, specialists and critical-care nurses to monitor and treat critical patients, between our main location in Santa Rosa and in satellite facilities.

Marin School of Arts and Technology: \$400,000 (WITHDRAWN)

DOE- Elementary Education

MSAT, located in Novato, is the flagship of Envision Schools, a non-profit charter school management operation based in the San Francisco Bay Area that currently has four high schools in operation and plans to open one new school in August 2007. Envision provides extensive ongoing support services to all its schools, including instructional support, data analysis for the purposes of ongoing evaluation, and extensive professional development as well as significant back-office support.

Sonoma Valley Partnership to Close the Gap: \$75,000

DOE - Elementary

Springboard Schools will work with the Sonoma Valley Unified to support the Strategic Plan and the LEAP Addendum and to implement systems to raise the achievement levels of all students and close the achievement gap. Springboard Schools will provide an instructional support team that will include two experienced educators. This team will work with the District leadership team and identified focal schools to implement the Instructional Action Plan LEAP Addendum

including best practice systems designed to improve instructional practice.

Springboard Schools/Sonoma Valley Unified Partnership to Close the Gap: \$75,000

DOE- Elementary

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Strengthening Families and Communities - Center Point: \$500,000

DOL- ETA

Provide \$500,000 a year for three years for Center Point, Inc. to support the mission of the Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Act by providing critical supportive services for underserved families and individuals.

Legislative Branch

None requested.

Military Construction/Veterans Administration

None requested.

Select Intelligence

None requested.

State Department/Foreign Operations

None requested.

Transportation

Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail: \$500,000

FHWA - TCSP

The proposed project would fund the construction of a minimum 8' wide separated Class 1 type

paved bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the west side of Bay Flat Road between Eastshore Road and Highway 1 in the Town of Bodega Bay. Currently, Bay Flat Road is a very steep, one-way road that has no sidewalks or bicycle lanes. Although only one segment, in a list of proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes through Bodega Bay, it would complete the most critical link between Porto Bodega Marina and the center of town. It is believed that substantial mode shift away from single passenger automobiles can be engendered with improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the Town of Bodega Bay.

Community Kitchen Campaign: \$150,000

HUD-EDI

Council on Aging is building a 10,000 square foot industrial kitchen to meet the nutritional needs for the growing senior population. In addition to serving up to 3,000 seniors a day with home delivered meals, the kitchen will serve the community in times of disaster. It is installing a back up generator and have a Memorandum of Understanding with the local Red Cross Chapter to deliver meals to vulnerable populations in times of fires, floods, earthquakes or terrorist attacks. Requesting \$150,000 to pay for the generator that will enable us to serve as an emergency disaster kitchen.

Envision Schools/ Marin School of Arts and Technology: \$600,000 (WITHDRAWN)

HUD-EDI Construction

The Marin School of Arts & Technology (MSAT), located in Novato, is the flagship of Envision Schools, a non-profit charter school management operation based in the San Francisco Bay Area. With this federal funding, Envision Schools will be able to find a permanent home for MSAT and make capital improvements to that facility bringing it up to code. This new facility will enable MSAT to continue investing in the Novato community with its innovative educational practices without taking away from the local public school district. There has been no previous funding for this project as it is in its document closing, early development stage at the present time. There is a property identified for a new facility which meets the MSAT school's needs across many parameters and Envision Schools representatives are near execution of a 3 year lease agreement to occupy this facility under a 3-year lease beginning the 07-08 school year.

Federal Aviation Regulations Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study: \$375,000

FAA-Research

The project would implement a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study for the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport. The study would assess the noise environment, prepare aviation forecasts, identify noise impacted lands and explore ways to mitigate land use conflicts.

Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier: \$4,000,000

FHWA - TCSP

This project would install a moveable median barrier (MMB) to enhance the safety of the Golden Gate Bridge by providing a physical barrier to separate opposing directions of traffic. This

MMB is similar to the barrier used on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge over the Potomac River connecting Washington, D.C. with Virginia. The MMB project proposed for the Golden Gate Bridge consists of 12-inch wide, 32-inch high steel clad units filled with high-density concrete pinned together to form a semi-rigid median barrier and the transfer machine. The MMB, which satisfies National Cooperative Highway Research Program test 350 criteria, would provide a physical separation between opposing directions of traffic and eliminate crossover, head-on collisions. The MMB would also allow for a continuation of the critically needed lane reconfigurations that occur throughout the day to accommodate commute hour traffic on weekdays and tourist traffic on weekends.

Hamilton Community Center: \$1,000,000

HUD-EDI

As part of the Hamilton Reuse Planning effort, the City acquired a number of recreational lands and buildings. The two most significant facilities, and those which will serve the most participants, are the gymnasium and the community pool. The Parks and Recreation Commission has identified these two facilities as the top two priorities for recreational enrichment as they will promote recreational, social, and cultural well being in the low income Hamilton community. It is critical that the Hamilton facilities encourage and foster active participation in wholesome programs, provide opportunities for positive role models, develop self esteem and bring positive choices to those at risk. One of the most necessary components of such a program is that of appropriate facilities for active and passive recreation, gathering, playing and building positive life experiences and relationships. To accomplish this goal, the City has joined with other community agencies to help create a sense of community in this, the most ethnically diverse, economically mixed, and residentially dense neighborhood in Marin County.

Hybrid Buses, City of Santa Rosa: \$1,332,000

FTA- Buses and Bus Facilities

Santa Rosa *CityBus* seeks to purchase three hybrid electric buses that could decrease our dependency on fossil fuels, improve air quality in the region, and potentially reduce traffic congestion. Currently, *CityBus*' fleet of 30 vehicles is insufficient for meeting the growing needs of the City's 156,000+ City residents, who increasingly express interest in increased and extended service levels.

Intelligent Transportation System- City of Santa Rosa: \$500,000

FHWA-TCSP

The City of Santa Rosa is in the process of implementing a citywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enhance air quality and reduce fuel consumption by automatically adjusting traffic signal timing on a second-by-second basis to respond to current traffic conditions. The City of Santa Rosa is very near to completing the first Systems Engineering Process for ITS in Northern California initiating system deployment and could serve as an effective "Urban Partner" showcasing the effectiveness of adaptive traffic control and intelligent transportation system in a medium sized urban center (population of approximately 160,000).

Marin/Sonoma Narrows Segment B: \$2,000,000

FHWA-TSCP

Funding for this project will provide High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, improve ramps, provide frontage roads, and improve mainline traffic operations on the Novato Narrows section of Highway 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Highway 101 is a major artery for commercial traffic from the North Bay area and through the northern areas of California into Oregon and is currently crippled by congestion. The widening of this section will complete the effort to bring much needed traffic relief to the North Bay region and promote the flow of goods on this vital traffic corridor. I would request that this funding be split evenly between Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Muir Woods National Monument Shuttle: \$600,000

FTA - Buses and Bus Facilities

Continuation of a successful pilot program that has been providing shuttle service to visitors of the Muir Woods National Monument park during peak summer months. The number of visitors to the park ranges from 900,000 to one million each year, which causes significant congestion on roads leading to the park, and environmental degradation of parklands and affected gateway communities.

The Next Key - Homeward Bound of Marin: \$150,000

HUD-EDI

Request \$150,000 towards the construction of 32 units of affordable transitional studio housing for the general homeless adult population in Novato, Marin County, California. These 32 housing units (8 of these units will be fully disability accessible) will be part of *The Next Key* facility, which will be built and operated by 501(c)3 nonprofit Homeward Bound of Marin. These units will be available to formerly homeless adults who are actively enrolled in a formalized job training program; such as a Dental Hygienist course, a management training program at Starbucks, or someone engaged in one of homeward Bound's job training programs, etc.

Novato Bus Yard Purchase: \$5,600,000

FTA - Bus and Bus Facilities

One of the largest properties under single ownership within the Downtown is a 6.5 acre bus yard with only 5,000 square feet of buildings. This underutilizes industrial site is strategically located along the freeway, Highway 101, highly visible to 97,000 vehicles per day. The property owner is the Golden Gate Bridge District, which operates the bus system between San Francisco and the two North Bay Counties of Marin and Sonoma and within the two Counties. Novato is located in Marin County. The Golden Gate Bridge District has owned the property for 40 years and is willing to relocate, with Novato's assistance, to a more appropriate industrial property.

Pacific Way Bridge, Marin County, CA: \$3,500,000

FHWA-PLH

Construction of a new, longer bridge over Redwood Creek at a more effective location, to provide creek and wetland restoration, to mitigate traffic hazards and to encourage mixed use of the bridge by pedestrians and cyclists. The bridge is a major component of the Big Lagoon restoration project, which is an ongoing, collaborative effort between the National Park Service and Marin County.

Parks and Trails - Golden Gate Parks and Conservancy: \$3 million

FHWA- Federal Lands

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the private nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future. "Trails Forever" is a long-term, park-wide initiative of the Parks Conservancy in partnership with the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service. Launched in 2003, this partnership initiative is renovating and expanding park trails to build a world-class trail system and protecting natural areas throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. By dramatically improving the ways people experience and explore these parklands, Trails Forever is making the parks more accessible, welcoming, and sustainable, while inspiring a deeper appreciation for nature in our local communities, among our school children, and among visitors of all ages. The initiative engages more than 3,000 volunteers each year, building an equally deep sense of stewardship and civic responsibility.

Santa Rosa Senior Center: \$500,000

HUD- Facilities

This project would construct a 26,000 square foot Senior Center adjacent to an existing community center. The Senior Center would serve the 30,000 seniors currently living in Santa Rosa. It is projected that, by 2010, there will be 60,000 seniors. Currently, Seniors, Inc. is holding fundraisers to pay for the construction. These requested funds would cover the costs of some of the developing site work and infrastructure needed for the facility. To date, Seniors, Inc. has raised more than \$1,000,000 in donations.

SMART EIS and PE: \$2,000,000

FTA-News Starts/Fixed Guideway

The Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is requesting \$2 million in federal funding to prepare a Draft and Final Environmental Impact Study and for preliminary engineering refinements. To date over \$7 million in local funding has been spent on project development, state environmental clearance and analysis. SMART completed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification in 2006 and wishes to move forward into federal environmental clearance at this time. In addition preliminary engineering work will be completed on track upgrades, station design, maintenance facility and bridge replacement. The Project is located in Sonoma and Marin counties and includes implementation of a passenger rail corridor and parallel bicycle/pedestrian pathway.

SMART Quiet Zone Development: \$1,500,000

FHWA-TCSP

The Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is requesting \$1,500,000 in federal funding to plan, design and implement quiet zones along the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NCRA) alignment in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Funding for this request would provide for the design, implementation and construction of Quiet Zones at rail crossings in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Sonoma County Transit, Natural Gas Bus Purchase: \$2,400,000

FTA- Buses and Bus Facilities

The County of Sonoma / Sonoma County Transit seeks capital assistance for the purchase of replacement transit buses. Funding for eight buses is requested. All coaches purchased will be powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). Since 1996, Sonoma County Transit has been a leader among San Francisco Bay Area transit systems in transitioning its fleet of heavy-duty coaches from diesel to natural gas power.

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