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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, HUD EDI Account for downtown improvements. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Snoqualmie, located at PO Box 987, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. The funding would be used to improve pedestrian safety and comfort by providing complete, wider sidewalks with curb bulbs and marked crosswalks at intersections; improve on-street parking for business livelihood; provide place-making enhancement, including street lights and landscaping; and improve access to transit.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Snoqualmie Historic Downtown Main Street Infrastructure Improvements

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Matthew Larson

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Mayor

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Snoqualmie

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: PO Box 987, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

SIGNATURE:

DATE: March 27, 2009



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on 3-30-09, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: 1) Snoqualmie Community Center/Emergency Shelter
2) Snoqualmie Historic Downtown Main Street Infrastructure Improvements (SR 202)

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 3-30-2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Nancy Tucker

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Planning Director

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Snoqualmie

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:

SIGNATURE: Nancy Tucker

DATE: 3-30-09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Lindsay Manson

SIGNATURE: Lindsay Manson

DATE: 3-30-09

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE:
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

FINANCE PLAN

A. Project Funding and Budget

Total Funds Requested = \$3,000,000.		Local Match Ratio = 55.2%	
	Appropriation	Local Funds	Total Project
Design Engineering Survey, environmental documentation, geotechnical investigation, plans and specifications, contract documents	385,000	475,000	860,000
Right of Way acquisition/easements	100,000	120,000	220,000
Construction Management Construction management, inspection, testing, administration	190,000	445,000	635,000
Construction Traffic control; earthwork; storm drain, water and sewer improvements; overlay and pavement repair; curb, gutter and sidewalk installation; landscaping and irrigation; street lighting; channelization and signing; urban design features	2,325,000	2,660,000	4,985,000
TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$3,700,000	\$6,700,000

B. Local Funding Sources

Source	Public/Private	Amount
City of Snoqualmie	Public	1,800,000
Washington State Department of Transportation	Public	200,000
Developer Mitigation Funds	Private	300,000
Federal Economic Development Administration Grant	Public	1,400,000
		\$3,700,000

Other agency advocate (if any):

Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s): NO

If yes, which office(s):

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

This project will improve SR 202/Railroad Avenue, three adjacent streets and four intersections within a two-block area of Snoqualmie's historic downtown business district. Within the project area there are over 40 businesses, the NW Railway Museum, and City Hall. The existing roadway, sidewalk and utilities are in extremely poor condition. The current roadway channelization promotes vehicle speeds that cause vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-pedestrian conflicts. During master planning outreach, citizens expressed discomfort visiting downtown because of traffic speeds and concerns with crossing Railroad Avenue/SR-202.

The project will: improve pedestrian safety and comfort by providing complete, wider sidewalks with curb bulbs and marked crosswalks at intersections; calm traffic by narrowing travel lanes; improve on-street parking for business livelihood; provide place-making enhancement, including street lights and landscaping; repair and upgrade utilities to support infill and expansion; improve access to transit; and improve bicycle circulation.

The City has secured 55% of the needed project funding. Final design engineering is underway and construction will begin by September 2009. The requested additional funding will expand the EDA project to allow both sides of SR202 to be reconstructed at the same time. The project will create local jobs through both construction and resulting private investment and economic development.

Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

The project will make much-needed infrastructure improvements within Snoqualmie's historic downtown business district and is expected to spur downtown development and additional development in other parts of the City that will result in private investment of over \$60 million and over 1,500 jobs in the next 3-10 years. Over 1 million people visit Snoqualmie Falls each year, but very few of those tourists spend money in the downtown. The project will support revitalization of the downtown to promote private investment and attract new business and industry to the district that will strengthen its tourism potential and provide shops and services to meet the everyday needs of residents. The project will also greatly improve traffic and pedestrian safety for district residents and visitors.

Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

Appropriate \$3 million in funding for City of Snoqualmie historic downtown street and utility infrastructure improvements to support economic development and improve safety, leveraging. The project would leverage 55% matching funds already secured from City, State, Private and Federal EDA sources and will be shovel-ready by September 2009.

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

Snoqualmie is located only 30 miles east of Seattle at the junction of I-90 and SR-18. The City is a designated urban growth area under the Washington State Growth Management Act and has grown by ~600%, from a 1997 population of 1,500 to over 9,600 today. The King County comprehensive plan classifies Snoqualmie as a "city in the rural area." The City's access to ARRA Stimulus funding for this and other projects has been severely restricted due to locally-imposed ranking criteria established a King County jurisdictions project review committee that favor urban centers regardless of other merits.