

## (July 29, 2008) Rep. Lipinski: House Appropriations Committee Approves \$2 Million For Local Projects

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Congressman Dan Lipinski announced the inclusion of over \$2 million in local projects in the preliminary federal budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. The projects were included at the request of Congressman Lipinski, and they have been approved by the House Committee on Appropriations.

"I am pleased I was able to include these projects in the initial stages," explained Lipinski. "While we still have a way to go before final approval by Congress and the President, I will continue to fight for federal funding for local and regional projects that will help improve our communities and this country."

### Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill

- \$100,000 for the Village of Chicago Ridge - Police Department to upgrade law enforcement equipment, software, and technology;
- \$100,000 for the Village of Forest Park - Police Department to install and upgrade law enforcement equipment and technology;
- \$100,000 for the Village of Justice - Police Department to acquire new portable radio devices; and
- \$200,000 for Cook County for Interoperable Safety and Emergency Communications Radios, which would enhance communications between local villages and municipalities during emergencies.

### Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

- \$250,000 for the Cook County Environmental Infrastructure Fund to make local environmental improvements and boost water development; and

- \$500,000 for a feasibility study of the South Fork of the South Branch of the Chicago River, also known as Bubbly Creek, to address problems of odor and water quality issues.

#### Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill

- \$168,000 for Seguin Services to provide employment and vocational training services for persons with disabilities.

#### Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill

- \$150,000 for Catholic Charities in Chicago to provide outreach and employment training services for homeless veterans;
- \$200,000 for the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn to provide educational programs for area children; and
- \$300,000 for Oak Lawn Family Service to provide counseling services to area residents.