Congressman Barry Loudermilk community project funding requests for fiscal year 2022

Project name: Kennesaw neighborhood improvements

Funding recipient and address: City of Kennesaw- 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Requested amount: $5,300,000

Explanation of request: This funding would go to the City of Kennesaw for various infrastructure improvements throughout Kennesaw. These include resurfacing streets, installing sidewalks, and improving drainage in several low to moderate income neighborhoods. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project is intended to promote an active pedestrian lifestyle by connecting Kennesaw residents to downtown Kennesaw and nearby parks.

Project name: Paces Mill Palisades Unit rehabilitation

Funding recipient and address: Cumberland Community Improvement District- 1100 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1000, Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Requested amount: $1,000,000

Explanation of request: This funding would be for preliminary engineering design plans and construction to rehabilitate the Paces Mill Park in the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area. These include replacing the current parking lot, replacing substandard trails, constructing a visitor contact center, repairing and replacing substandard water and sewer utilities, and addressing flooding problems. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the greenspace in the park is a critical natural resource in a rapidly urbanizing area, and this funding will protect this resource and enhance visitors’ experience.

Project name: Cass-White Road from Busch Drive to Great Valley Parkway - Phase II

Funding recipient and address: Bartow County - East of 30 Great Valley Parkway, White, GA 30184

Requested amount: $14,200,000

Explanation of request: This funding would be designated for the realignment and construction of 1.9 miles of four-lane road to connect I-75 with the Highland 75 Industrial Park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as it serves a corridor that has seen $250 million in private industrial investment in the past five years. The area is rapidly becoming a logistics freight center serving metropolitan Atlanta and the Southeast with 100 million square feet of warehouse space currently being developed along the road.

Project name: Lake Acworth Master Plan Implementation; Operation and Maintenance
**Funding recipient and address:** City of Acworth – 1138 Highway 20 Spur, Cartersville, GA 30121

**Requested amount:** $2,250,000

**Explanation of request:** This funding would be designated for a joint project between the City of Acworth and the Acworth Lake Authority that will include a network of multi-use trails around Lake Acworth, improvements to Cauble Park and improvements to the Overlook Park and the existing Highway 92 bridge. This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the project will improve vehicular modes of transportation, develop a trail system that improves pedestrian mobility, reduce reliance on motorized transportation and improve sustainability and access to federal and local parks.

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**Project name:** Big Shanty Road Widening

**Funding recipient and address:** Town Center Community Improvement District - 1701 Barrett Lakes Blvd #200, Kennesaw, GA 30144

**Requested amount:** $8,000,000

**Explanation of request:** The funding would be for widening to accommodate traffic impacts and to complete the Big Shanty Corridor. Consolidating the traffic to this corridor is key for mobility both now and into the future. In addition, improvements to the intersection of Big Shanty and Bells Ferry Road will provide a safer intersection for left-turning movements from each road. This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would help provide continuous traffic flow along Big Shanty Road, prevent traffic from being continually pushed to the adjacent arterial roads, improve access for freight and logistics facilities, and provide enhanced access to the I-75 Managed Lanes.

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**Project name:** Reinhardt University Water Treatment Facility

**Funding recipient and address:** Reinhardt University located at 7300 Reinhardt Circle, Waleska, GA 30183

**Requested amount:** $600,000

**Explanation of request:** The funding would be used to upgrade Reinhardt University’s water treatment facility. Reinhardt University is the only entity in the city of Waleska that has the infrastructure to offer such services, as it operates and maintains a water treatment facility. In order for the university to grow its on-campus student body, it must upgrade its water treatment facility. This is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would help put the university in a position to expand its facilities in the future and partner with the City of Waleska to offer services to residents and businesses.