

Congressman Mike Quigley

Fiscal Year 2014 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

\$20 million for the **Above the Influence Program**

Explanation: The funding of the ONDCP-Media Campaign is required as a critical, cost-effective component to curtailing the national emergency of youth drug abuse. Presently, all credible sources of statistics report an astonishing increase of drug abuse by youth at an alarming cost to law enforcement and incarceration. There must be a renewed emphasis on drug abuse prevention due to its positive effect on reduction of use, the saving of lives and its minimal investment relative to the cost of enforcement and incarceration. ONDCP's, the Youth Drug Prevention Media Campaign, the "Above the Influence" (ATI) campaign, has been found to be an effective method of attacking this matter of national importance.

\$18 million for the **Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program**

Explanation: Grants received under the BEA program are essential towards supporting investment and lending in economically distressed communities.

\$221 million for the **Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund**

Explanation: The CDFI Fund is a vital program that helps provide economic development, job creation, affordable housing, and basic banking services to underserved, distressed, urban, rural, and minority communities.

\$1.068 billion for the **Federal Defender and Community Services**

Explanation: The Federal Defender Services program ensures access to counsel and other necessary defense services for those who are indigent. The Criminal Justice Act provides that courts appoint counsel from Federal public and community defender organizations or from a panel of private attorneys established by the court. The Defender Services program helps to maintain public confidence in the Nation's commitment to equal justice under the law and ensures the successful operation of the constitutionally based adversary system of justice by which Federal criminal laws and federally guaranteed rights are enforced.

\$30 million for the **Internal Revenue Service's Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

Explanation: VITA helps working families avoid the high fees charged by commercial tax preparers. It helps families to comply with their tax-filing obligations as well as navigate their way through the often-confusing tax code. VITA's higher-than-average rate of electronic filing saves the government about \$5.5 million in costs of processing paper returns, and e-filed returns have a higher rate of accuracy. This additional funding will help VITA better handle the growing needs for its help.

\$5 million for the **National Historical Publications and Records Commission**

Explanation: The NHPRC is the “grant-making” arm of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) which promotes the preservation and use of the American documentary record. NHPRC grants support a wide range of activities to preserve and increase access to historical records and to publish, in print and/or electronically, the papers of significant figures and themes relating to the history of the United States. Many of the projects that NARA has started cannot be completed unless they are adequately funded. In recent years, NHPRC’s funding has declined from \$13 million in FY10, to \$4.75 million currently. The \$5 million level of funding is crucial if NHPRC and NARA are to complete the projects they’ve started. (The President requested \$3 million. Their current level is \$4.75 million which is down from \$7 million in FY2011.)

\$9.1 million for the **Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Program**

Explanation: SCORE is the largest volunteer business advisor and mentoring program in the federal government. In FY 2012, SCORE’s volunteers donated 1.2 million hours of service and helped create 38,000 new small businesses.

\$1.674 billion for the **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission**

Explanation: The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is vital in our effort to protect investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and facilitate capital formation.