

Congressman Mike Quigley

Fiscal Year 2015 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

\$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.

\$225 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.

\$92 million for the **Drug Free Communities program**

Explanation: The Drug Free Communities (DFC) program is a proven and cost-effective way to prevent youth drug use. DFC-funding coalitions are community-based, data driven, and use a comprehensive, multi-sector approach to address local drug issues.

\$1,053,000,000 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.

\$35 million for the **Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) Program**

Explanation: HFFI is a public-private partnership that combats America's obesity epidemic by providing access to affordable, healthy, fresh food options. More specifically, it provides loan and grant financing to attract grocery stores and other fresh food retailers to underserved urban, suburban, and rural areas, and renovate and expand existing stores so they can provide the healthy foods communities want and need.

\$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.

\$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.

\$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. Small businesses mentored by SCORE return more than 49 times the amount appropriated by the Congress back to the Treasury in the form of new, incremental tax revenues.

\$1.7 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.