

Congressman Mike Quigley

Fiscal Year 2015 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

\$340 for the **Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program is critical to ensuring that our nation's first responders are adequately trained and equipped to safely and effectively respond to emergencies in their communities.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

**Explanation:** The City of Chicago relies on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services for hungry and homeless people in Chicago.

Support President's FY 2015 Request for the **Emergency Management Performance Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program is designed to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. EMPG supports the Illinois Emergency Management Agency by providing funding for planning, organization, equipment, training, exercises, and management of emergency management programs.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **Homeland Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The Homeland Security Grant Program is a core homeland security assistance program that provides funds to build capacities at the state and local levels through planning, equipment, training and exercise activities, and to implement the goals and objectives outlined in Illinois' State Homeland Security Strategy.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **Immigration Integration and Citizenship Grant Program**

**Explanation:** These funds will assist the more than 8.5 million legal permanent residents who are currently eligible to realize their dream of U.S. citizenship and will help ensure the full and successful integration of immigrants into our society at a critical time in the evolution of our national immigration policy.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **National Dam Safety Program**

**Explanation:** For thirty years, the federal government has used the National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) to protect Americans from dam failure.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **National Flood Insurance Program**

**Explanation:** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides a means for property owners to financially protect themselves. The NFIP offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce the risk of flooding.

Support the President's FY 2015 Request for the **Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

**Explanation:** The Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties plays an integral role in investigating and resolving civil rights and civil liberties complaints regarding the Department of Homeland Security's policies and activities as well as actions taken by Department personnel.

\$200 million for the **Port Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** Ports in many ways serve as the lynchpin to our economy. Each day, U.S. ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 states. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, it is vital that they remain secure.

Sufficient Funding for the **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program**

**Explanation:** Reducing flood risk is the most effective way to lower federal disaster costs and manage flood insurance premiums. Studies have shown mitigation is a proven way of reducing both disaster and insurance costs. Investing in the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program can provide assistance for acquiring and relocating properties out of a flood plain, elevating structures in a flood plain, and flood-proofing buildings.

Robust Funding for the **Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program**

**Explanation:** Risk MAP is a critical venture that fosters cooperation across federal, state and local lines to better protect our communities from devastating flooding. The Risk MAP program offers information and tools to communities to plan ahead and protect their residents from flood damage.

Support President's FY 2015 Request for **Salaries and Expenses, U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Explanation:** Passenger flows at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports continue to increase, and federal security staffing must be increased to meet these demands, as part of a national and city-wide tourism strategy. The President's budget request proposes historic, and much-needed staffing levels including the 2,000 new officers Congress funded through 2014 appropriations and 2,000 additional officers through proposed increases to user fees. These staffing levels should be fully funded, including through fee authority, in 2015.

\$340 million for the **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program, authorized in 2003, provides much needed funding for career and volunteer fire departments to hire new firefighters and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. This program is critical to the thousands of fire stations across the country that are currently operating short of staff and to those seeking to retain current first responders in the face of the economic downturn and recovery.

\$105 million for the **Transit Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** Maintaining and expanding funding is critical for keeping public transit systems safe, including Chicago's video camera monitoring systems and transit police functions that help reduce and address security incidents on CTA systems.

\$600 million for the **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)**

**Explanation:** These funds address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas and assists in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. It is critical that this funding continue to be allocated directly to urban areas rather than through consolidated state block programs.

\$19 million for the **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Non-Profit Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** Credible threats against non-profit institutions across the country continue to be a problem. These incidents highlight the continuing need for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which was designed precisely so that at-risk nonprofit organizations that serve as community centers can acquire and install equipment to secure themselves against a potential terrorist attack. These capital improvements include upgraded security measures, such as installing cameras, physical barriers, or controlled entry systems.