



## FY 2011 Congressional Appropriations Requests

### Update

Below are the Congressional earmark requests supported by Senator Cardin (\$1 million) and Congressmen Cummings (\$4.2 million), Ruppertsberger (\$1.3 million), and Sarbanes (\$497,000). That is, these are the projects each Maryland Congressional member has asked on our behalf in the FY 2011 Appropriations bills.

#### Projects Supported by Senator Cardin:

- **Center for Teacher Excellence**

**Request:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** The aim of the establishment of a Center for Teacher Excellence is to prepare the next generation of teachers so that they are ready to prepare future students for success in college and enhance their ability to compete in a 21st century global economy. This Center will continue to transform Coppin State University's two corridor schools and address the shortage of teachers by supporting the recruitment, retention, and training of future teachers through several professional development schools within the Urban Education Corridor. In addition, funds will be used to provide state of the art technology and equip classrooms with smart technology at the UEC schools.

#### Projects Supported by Congressman Cummings:

- **Center for Geography and Training**

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Purpose:** This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will serve NASA's mission to inspire and prepare the next generation of scientists, which is essential to our nation's leadership in science.

- **Nursing Clinical Simulation Center**

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000

**Purpose:** This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this it will significantly increase the supply of minority nurses for the Department of Defense.

- **Center for Sustainability**

**Amount Requested:** \$249,000

**Purpose:** This project will enable the Center for Sustainability at Coppin State University to conduct research assessing the impact on the soil and water in the Baltimore area of the use of coal-burning power plants. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will enable undergraduate and graduate students to conduct research concerning the broader impacts of coal-burning power plants on ecosystems and human health.

- **Center for Teacher Excellence: Urban Education Corridor**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Purpose:** This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will address the shortage of teachers in critical workforce areas and address educational inequities and extend comprehensive services to the community.

### **Projects Supported by Congressman Ruppberger:**

- **Baltimore Excellence in Science Teaching (BEST)**

**Towson University (Partnership with Coppin State University)**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

The federal funding will expand collaborative programs to train teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. The partnership between Towson University, Coppin State University and the Maryland BioLab blends teacher professional development, school outreach, student recruitment and new teacher training to increase the number and quality of STEM teachers in public schools.

- **Coppin Community Anti-Gang Project**

**Amount Requested:** \$355,000

The federal funding will help plan the Anti-Gang Project, mobilize the community and design gang intervention methods to curb gang-related violence in West Baltimore. Coppin State University will work with the surrounding communities and crucial public and private organizations to utilize the Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Model recommended by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice. The University will work with local partners, such as community organizations in the Coppin Heights, Rosemont, Edmonson Village and other nearby neighborhoods, as well as the faith-based community, social service agencies, non-profit organizations, middle and high schools in these neighborhoods to design and implement the anti-gang model and strategy.

### **Projects Supported by Congressman Sarbanes**

- **Center for Geography Education and Research**

**Amount Requested:** \$497,300

The requested funds will allow Coppin State University to establish the Center for

Geography Education and Research to prepare many low and moderate income citizens and many African Americans to become skilled workers in the geospatial industry.