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The House of Representatives on Thursday approved a spending bill that, if passed by the senate and signed by President Obama, will provide about \$5.2 million for a handful of projects in Minnesota's fifth congressional district, which includes part of Minneapolis.

The funds will help with a variety of programs including providing services to at-risk youth, offering community-based alternatives for seniors and putting digital cameras in Minneapolis police officers' squad cars.

The spending package, which was announced by the office of Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn. was included in

the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations bill (H.R. 3288), which passed Thursday by a vote of 221-201.

Here are some details of the allocations:

- \$250,000 for a Family Caregiver Access Network Demonstration Project that places more seniors in community-based care settings. The funds will be administered through the Jewish Family and Children's Service.
- \$1.9 million to renovate the STARBASE Minnesota Educational Building, a facility at Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport that's owned by the 133rd Airlift Wing of the Minnesota Air National Guard. The program housed at the building addresses math and science curriculum topics for underprivileged middle-school aged children.
- \$250,000 for the Bottineau Transit, a potential light rail line that will connect Downtown and North Minneapolis with the northwestern Twin Cities suburbs.
- \$400,000 to construct a new hyperbaric chamber for the **Hennepin County Medical Center** (HCMC).
- \$400,000 for the **Summit Academy Opportunities Industrialization Center** (OIC)

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Green Jobs Initiative located in the Harrison neighborhood of Minneapolis.

- \$500,000 for the design and construction of the Grand Rounds Missing Link National Scenic Byway Project in Northeast Minneapolis.
- \$150,000 to the **Northside Economic Opportunity Network** (NEON), which provides technical assistance to startup small businesses in North Minneapolis.
- \$500,000 for a new transit hub located in downtown Minneapolis that will serve as a center for current and future commuter and light rail lines (LRT).
- \$400,000 for digital cameras and computers for the Minneapolis Police Department. The technology will be installed in squad cars.
- \$300,000 for the Bolder Options Program in Minneapolis. The funding will be used for programs that reduce truancy and juvenile delinquency among at-risk youth.
- \$200,000 for the Midtown Global Market to provide technical assistance for culturally diverse startup businesses.

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