

**CONGRESSMAN TIM WALZ**  
**DISTRICT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR FY2009**

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- **55<sup>th</sup> Street Expansion**  
*Funds would provide the final design, right-of-way acquisition and first stage construction of a 1.9 mile extension of Rochester's 55th Street as a 4-lane expressway.*
- **Agricultural Utilization Research Institute**  
*Funding to help identify, develop and implement uses of bio-based materials from agricultural products, helping Minnesota's farmers diversify their operations and make efficient use of farm byproducts.*
- **Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Curriculum Development**  
*Funding would help implement the Incredible Years curriculum for grades K-3 at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School in Rochester.*
- **Bolder Options' Expansion**  
*Bolder Options is a non-profit that matches at-risk youth with community mentors for a one-year mentorship program. Youth enter the program either because they are first time offenders, truant in school, or referred by a social worker. This funding would allow Bolder Options to expand its successful program from the Twin Cities to Rochester.*
- **Crop Disease Research at the University of Minnesota**  
*Funds research into crop diseases that can devastate Minnesota's wheat, oat and barley production.*
- **Center for Renewable Energy at Minnesota State University - Mankato**  
*This funding would support on-going research into cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel and other renewable forms of energy.*
- **Competitive Farm Benchmarking Program at the University of Minnesota**  
*Funding for a competitive grants program at the University of Minnesota that helps farmers compare their costs of production and maximize their efficiencies of operation.*
- **Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center**  
*Funds will help the Lanesboro, MN Environmental Learning Center develop a plan to achieve an 80% reduction in its carbon footprint and become a model demonstration facility for sustainable energy technologies.*
- **Envision Wind in Southeastern Minnesota Project of Gunderson Lutheran**  
*Funds would help Gunderson Lutheran in Winona install two 1.5 MW wind turbines, enough to provide 20% of the hospital's current energy usage. In addition to providing clean, renewable energy for the hospital, this project will help promote southern Minnesota's growing wind energy industry.*
- **Flood Map Modernization for Southeastern Minnesota**  
*Funding would provide high-quality data for eight counties in southeastern Minnesota, to help local officials plan effective flood mitigation strategies.*
- **Garvin Brook Flood Assessment and Stabilization**  
*Funds would provide a complete assessment of flood control structures that are needed in the Lewiston area and help stabilize the bank of Garvin Brook, which faced serious flooding in August, 2007.*
- **Gunderson Lutheran's Safer, Faster Emergency Care in Rural Minnesota Project**  
*Funding would help install state-of-the-art EKG machines in every Tri-State Ambulance used by Gunderson Lutheran.*
- **Highway 14**  
*Upgrades in Waseca, Blue Earth, Winona and Nicollet Counties.*
- **Hormel Institute's International Center of Research Technology**  
*This funding would help the Hormel Institute create a cutting edge research technology center to assist biomedical researchers from across the country and the world in curing cancer.*
- **Houston County Flood Damage Reduction Project**  
*Funding for an Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study to determine potential flood reduction projects in Houston County.*
- **Lake Zumbro Restoration**  
*Funding would allow for the dredging and restoration of Lake Zumbro, a regionally important recreational lake and a source of hydropower for the City of Rochester.*

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- **Lewis and Clark Rural Water System**  
*Centered in twenty communities in western Minnesota, northern Iowa, and eastern South Dakota, this pipeline provides treated water from the Missouri River to more than 300,000 people in three states. This area is so desperately short of water that there are restrictions on constructing new small business and residences; the pipeline will be essential to the economic viability of these small towns. Many of the communities involved have pre-paid the local share of the project, in order to keep inflationary costs at a minimum, and are only awaiting the federal share.*
- **Lutheran Social Services' Older Adults Outreach Program**  
*Funds would support the development of teams of LSS staff, volunteers and other organizations to help address the needs of older adults and their families.*
- **Minnesota National Guard Armory Emergency Response Generators**  
*Funds will provide emergency backup generators at Readiness Centers located strategically along interstate or state freeways in areas that are historically prone to natural disasters. In southern Minnesota, these areas would include Albert Lea, Austin, Owatonna, Fairmont, Jackson, and Luverne.*
- **Minnesota National Guard Mankato Field Maintenance Facility**  
*Funds would support the construction of a maintenance facility to support the training of Minnesota's National Guard.*
- **Minnesota National Guard Helicopter Civil Band Radio Communication System**  
*Funding would help provide a reliable, inter-operable radio communication system for all of the Minnesota National Guard's helicopters.*
- **Minnesota National Guard Satellite Multi-Modal Collaborative Crisis and Training Network**  
*This funding would help the Minnesota National Guard provide emergency responders with reliable cellular and transmission capability in the event of a disaster. The addition of a stand-alone capability to provide this service was demonstrated in the aftermath of the I-35W bridge collapse in August, 2007.*
- **Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority**  
*Funds would help rehabilitate 94-miles of rail line to allow for increased rail traffic along a publicly-owned agricultural railroad.*
- **National Center of Emphasis for Dairy Veterinary Education**  
*Funding would support the creation of a new national center in Nicollet County, to be operated by the University of Minnesota, to help provide a reliable source of dairy veterinary experts, who are badly needed in rural America and southern Minnesota's dairy operations.*
- **National Child Protection Training Center at Winona State University**  
*The Center trains social workers, teachers, and health care professionals to recognize and report signs of child abuse.*
- **Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge**  
*This project will support land acquisition to add acreage to the refuge in both Minnesota and Iowa.*
- **Oak Avenue Reconstruction**  
*Project will accommodate heavier traffic in Racine, located in Mower County.*
- **Owatonna Flood Mitigation Projects**  
*Funding will support the development of eight different flood mitigation projects in Owatonna, reducing the risk of recurring flooding from high rainfall events.*
- **Goodview Water System Radium Removal Project**  
*Funding would construct two water filtration plants to comply with an EPA mandate.*
- **Region 9 Public Transit Study**  
*Funding will assist with assessment of public transit options in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties.*
- **Rural Healthcare Outreach at Minnesota State University - Mankato**  
*Funds would help expand MSU Mankato's health curriculum to increase outreach services to rural and under-served families in south-central Minnesota.*
- **St. Elizabeth's Hospital Fresh Start Disease Prevention Program**  
*Funds would support a program in Wabasha to help participants reduce their risk of heart disease.*

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- **St. Mary's University of Winona, Teachers Teaching Teachers Program**  
*Funds would help expand the University's educator professional development programs by using technology to reach teachers in greater Minnesota, allowing the University to have an impact on thousands of students in critical Science, Technology, Engineering and Math subjects.*
- **Sensor Technology Project for Senior Independent Living and Home Health**  
*Located in Windom, the program would allow remote monitoring of the health of elderly clients participating in the Good Samaritan Society's senior health programs.*
- **Sheriffs Youth Program in Rochester and Dodge County**  
*Funding would support SYP's services for at-risk youth and help construct a new facility.*
- **Soybean Genomics Research at the University of Minnesota**  
*Funding for research to help increase protein levels in soybeans, which would make southern Minnesota's plentiful soybean crop more competitive internationally.*
- **Statewide National Guard Reintegration program**  
*The Minnesota National Guard's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" program supports efforts to help federal, state, and local agencies provide well-coordinated assistance to Minnesota service members reintegrating to civilian life.*
- **Rochester Transit Operations Center Construction**  
*Project would fund the construction of a 60-bus garage facility for Rochester's public transit system.*
- **Trunk Highway 169 Bypass, St. Peter**  
*Funding for an environmental scoping study to determine the feasibility of an alternative route around St. Peter, MN.*
- **Upper Mississippi River Interstate Water Quality Protection Program**  
*Funding for the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association would help five states coordinate Clean Water Act activities on the Upper Mississippi River.*
- **Upper Mississippi River Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program**  
*A multi-state effort by the Army Corps of Engineers to provide for the first phases of construction of new 1,200 foot lock chambers on the Mississippi, implement small-scale navigation aids, and begin ecosystem restoration projects along the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway.*
- **Upper Mississippi River Restoration for Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri**  
*A multi-state effort by the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct habitat rehabilitation and enhancement projects on the Mississippi to preserve and improve fish and wildlife habitat.*
- **Vernon Center Municipal Sewer Reconstruction**  
*Funds would help repair the 60-year old sewer system for a town of 330 people in southeastern Minnesota.*
- **Veterans Re-Entry Education Program**  
*Funds would help Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and three state agencies create programs to help returning veterans find employment and educational opportunities.*
- **Winona Fire Department Emergency Response**  
*Funding would purchase a new boat for the City of Winona's Fire Department, which currently lacks an adequate boat for emergency response on the Mississippi River.*
- **Winona State University Utility Tunnel Upgrade and Expansion Project**  
*Funding will help Winona State University repair the campus's deteriorating utility tunnels, which pose a danger to worker safety and the reliability of the utilities on campus.*
- **Winona Veterans Center**  
*Funds would support planning, design and remodeling of the old Winona U.S. Army Reserve Center to create a Winona Area Veteran's Center.*