

Under the Democratic leadership of the 111th Congress and Appropriations Committee, unprecedented steps have been taken to make the annual appropriations process more transparent and accountable. For all individual Member project requests, the appropriate executive branch agency ensured that the request was eligible to receive funds and meets goals established by law. The executive branch also ensured that, for any request intended to be directed to a for-profit entity, the project be awarded through a competitive bidding process. Members certified that neither they nor their spouse would benefit financially from any project requested. Finally, to provide more opportunity for public scrutiny of individual Member projects, all Members were required to post information on their websites about their project requests. You can find a comprehensive list of my Fiscal Year 2010 project requests [here](#) .

The links below describe the targeted investments I received for the 4th District and for North Carolina. The projects are grouped according to the jurisdiction of the appropriations subcommittees.

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