

# U.S. Rep. Pocan: 15 earmarks passed by committee

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Today, **U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02)**, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced that all 15 of his requested earmarks are advancing out of committee. These provisions will receive a vote in the House of Representatives as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Appropriations Bills.

“Investments in education, infrastructure, and working families are critical for the well-being of our communities,” **said Congressman Pocan.** “Today’s Appropriations Committee vote acknowledges the importance of these priorities with investments that will benefit all Americans. I’m happy to announce that the committee advanced all 15 of my Community Project Funding requests. These projects will reach all corners of the district and I look forward to voting for these on the House floor.”

These 15 projects now head to the House floor for consideration and must be agreed to by the United States Senate and signed by the President before they become law.

The FY23 Appropriations Bill will include a number of provisions benefitting Wisconsin’s 2nd Congressional District, including:

- **\$4 million** for the **Salvation Army of Dane County** to construct a new shelter facility for women and families.
- **\$3.2 million** for the **City of Sun Prairie** to construct a solar radiation water pollution control facility, increasing the energy efficiency and sustainability of water pollution control operations.
- **\$2 million** for the **Wisconsin River Recreational Bridge**, a joint project

between Dane and Sauk Counties that will connect bikers and pedestrians to the Great Sauk Trail.

- **\$1.2 million** for the **Boys & Girls Club of Dane County** to support the development of the new McKenzie Regional Workforce Center.
- **\$1 million** for the **Village of New Glarus** to construct a new water tower.
- **\$1 million** for the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** to upgrade the University's aging helium plant, securing infrastructure needed by federal researchers on campus performing work funded by the NIH, Dept. of Energy, NSF, Dept. of Agriculture, and more.
- **\$1 million** for the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** to enable the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery to expand student-led research for new antibiotics and offer additional high-quality STEM opportunities.
- **\$700,000** for **Edgerton Community Outreach, Inc.** to renovate 210/212 W. Fulton St. and create six units of affordable housing and a home for veterans' group meetings, senior programming, and public events.
- **\$560,000** for the **City of Reedsburg** toward the construction of a 52,000 square-foot fieldhouse for local residents and to host regional athletic tournaments benefiting the local economy.
- **\$500,000** for the **City of Baraboo** to construct an ADA-compliant ramp with railing and lighting between Water Street and the Oak Street Overlook in order to better connect downtown Baraboo with the Riverwalk/Ice Age Trail.
- **\$250,000** for the **Dick Wagner Memorial Grant** which will be awarded to Our Lives Media to archive documents and tell the story of the nation's first gay rights law which was passed in Wisconsin in 1982 (AB70).
- **\$250,000** for the **Jewish Social Services of Madison** to assist with refugee resettlement activities.
- **\$250,000** for the **Historic Driver Opera House Restoration in Darlington** to support the installation of a heating and cooling system and an ADA-accessible elevator and restrooms.
- **\$190,000** for **SWCAP Head Start in Dodgeville** to build an addition on the existing Head Start building.
- **\$100,000** for the **Mineral Point Opera House Historic Marquee Replacement**, subject to further approval from the National Park Service with respect to work on historic structures.