

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Votes to fund government, send aid to Ukraine

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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02), a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, voted to pass a \$1.5 trillion package to fund the United States government and provide aid to Ukraine as part of the FY2022 Omnibus Appropriations agreement.

“This historic government funding package is huge for Wisconsin and the rest of the country. These federal investments will lower the cost of living for working families, create jobs, and tackle some of our biggest challenges from expanding access to affordable healthcare and mitigating climate change. This bill also makes sure all of the funds promised to Wisconsin through the American Rescue Plan, more than \$1 billion outstanding, are delivered to the state.

The bill also provides critical humanitarian relief to Ukraine.

“ Since Vladimir Putin launched his unprovoked war, millions of Ukrainian civilians have suffered unnecessarily, creating a humanitarian crisis not seen in Europe since World War II. This funding will help the more than 2 million refugees fleeing their home country, support those who remain, and ensure Ukraine can continue to defend itself from the Russian invasion.”

Rep. Pocan also championed funding for nine projects included in the bill that will directly benefit WI-02 residents. These include:

- **\$39.7 million** toward a new **plant breeding facility at the University of Wisconsin-Madison**. The existing World War II-era building, which is shared

by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture researchers, is outdated and in severe need of replacement

- **\$2 million** for a **Men's Homeless Shelter in Madison.**
- **\$1 million** toward the **construction of the Center for Black Excellence & Culture in Madison.**
- **\$500,000** for a new **Boys & Girls Club in Beloit.**
- **\$220,000** for renovating a decommissioned elementary school into a **community center in Reedsburg.**
- **\$200,000** for a **Centro Hispano of Dane County facility expansion** allowing it to provide additional programming and classes such as workforce and career development, family support services, and immigration support.
- **\$200,000** for the **Green County Aging and Disability Resource Center** to create a mobile health outreach unit.
- **\$1.2 million** for **weather satellite instrumentation for UW-Madison** that will support work performed by NASA and NOAA.
- **\$174,000** for the **Wisconsin Small Business Development Center** located at UW-Madison.

The text of the spending package, H.R. 2471, is available [here](#). Explanatory statements are available [here](#). A full summary of the 12 regular appropriations bills is [here](#). A summary of the Ukraine supplemental is [here](#) and a one-page fact sheet is [here](#).

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