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Intended Recipient	Project Name	Location	Purpose	Amount Requested	Allocated by the Senate Committee	that requested the project	Justification
Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	Regional Economic Commerce Center Incubator	Cedar Rapids	for the creation of an incubator to assist flood damaged businesses and new businesses	\$934,000			The Regional Economic Commerce Center Business Incubator is focused on job creation for the Linn County area. Small business and the growth of entrepreneurship is a priority to keep the area's economy healthy and recover from the 2008 flood.
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance	Bi-State Entrepreneurial Development Initiative	Waterloo	to support small business and entrepreneurial efforts by providing counseling, mentoring, and financial assistance	\$500,000	\$150,000	Grassley	The initiative creates a "one-stop shop" bringing technical assistance, business expertise and early money funding solution to rural entrepreneurs and small businesses allowing them to reach their full potential. A comprehensive development program such as this is currently not offered outside of urban areas.
Greater Des Moines Partnership	Business Innovation Zone	Des Moines	to provide economic growth in central Iowa through the development and expansion of entrepreneurial enterprise	\$215,000			By focusing on company and job creation the competitive nature of our nation is directly increased. With the current economic environment it is more important than ever to support new businesses. Many of the clients of the BIZ are bringing new technology products and services to market that have significant competitive advantage.
Iowa Valley Community College District	Rural Entrepreneurship Incubator	Marshalltown	to support the kitchen portion of the incubator that will help teach and launch small businesses related to value-added processing of diversified ag products	\$1,000,000			The Rural Entrepreneurship Incubator can serve as a model to assist economic recovery in rural areas throughout the country. As the agriculture-based businesses established with the assistance of the Rural Entrepreneurship Incubator grow, they will provide new employment opportunities and tax revenue.
University of Northern Iowa	MyEntre.Net	Cedar Falls	to provide entrepreneurship support system and provide training and technical assistance to service providers nationwide	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Grassley, Harkin	This is a nationally significant economic development initiative that addresses a key area of job growth. The proposed network will engage an estimated 100,000 entrepreneurs from across the nation. These entrepreneurs are likely to create jobs in coming years.

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General Services Administration	U.S. Courthouse in Des Moines	Des Moines	to provide for site and design of a new courthouse	no amount specified			The existing U.S. Courthouse in Des Moines cannot support the anticipated growth and security requirements of its tenant agencies. The General Services Administration did a feasibility study that identified, developed and evaluated different alternatives for housing the U.S. Courts and associated agencies. Four viable alternatives were provided, and the preferred alternative called for constructing a new, freestanding courthouse on a new site.
General Services Administration	U.S. Courthouse in Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	to provide for adequate parking for court users, employees of the courthouse and its related agencies	request for reprogramming of unused construction funds			Construction funding for a new courthouse in Cedar Rapids was provided in the fiscal 2008 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act on March 11, 2009. Congress provided \$182 million for the courthouse. However, the facility is lacking adequate parking for court users, staff and the related agencies.

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