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This is the group that met with Orson and I about this community event. They are people that I have worked with for several years in their community projects for the Parkland area of DC. The company has won numerous honors for their work in this community. We go around the country looking for examples of community efforts to revitalize economically depressed areas. We have a great example here in our own town.. Our good friends Hugh Mccoll, Frank Raines and Mayor Williams will be honored and Franklin has written in support. Cong. Eleanor Holmes Norton is also poised to ask for our attendance. This is a perfect opportunity for the President and/or Mrs. Clinton to get local credit for the work they have been doing nationally to promote community renewal in deprived areas. An old friend of the President's from his Georgetown/fulbright days is a community organizer in this area and made us aware of this project.

They were going to schedule this for June but after talking to you, Stephanie, I advised them to delay it untilJuly when you thought it was a better chance that either of the Principals could participate. They will put it on any day that we are available. If you will give me a date, they can get it organized and will do it around our schedule. This obviously means a lot to them but I firmly believe that this is a great event for the President to not only talk about what he has done for community reinvention and investment but to also show support for DC and all he has tried to do for this community.

If you need more paper, etc. Skye has it at 65478. Many thanks.

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

It is very difficult to speak immodestly of one's own work, so I am using the words of Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton from her testimony before a House appropriations subcommittee:

> "I do not know of another example of the rebuilding of an entire community in a poor neighborhood, repopulating it with people with modest means, led not by the government, but by a private developer……Theirs' is a story I have not heard before – where a company acquires troubled properties to save its own rather than walking away, and then moves on to save the neighborhood as well."

The story of Parklands, a neighborhood in Southeast Washington just miles from the White House, is an important one because it represents all of the good that can happen in challenged, inner city neighborhoods with the engagement and partnership of the public and private sectors, and we believe it is the embodiment of your 21st Century Livability Agenda.

In the Villages of Parklands, our partners have included NationsBank, Fannie Mae, the Federal government and the District of Columbia government. Fannie Mae and NationsBank are two private institutions that were undaunted by the myriad of challenges that initially faced us. Instead, they were able to focus on and buy into a vision of a healthy and revitalized community. In addition to our private partners, the federal government and the District government have also been steadfast and reliable partners. As the conduit for federal funds, the DC Department of Housing and Community Development provided $7.6 million of equity funding through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program for the renovation of 573 out of the 875 total units in the Parklands redevelopment effort.

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
May 28, 1999
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In addition, through the federal HOME program, $3,000,000 of funds were used on the townhome project to acquire and demolish 400 vacant units and to leverage an additional $24,000,000 of private capital. These funds will allow homes to be sold at prices affordable to low and moderate income first-time homebuyers. The District has also committed $2,500,000 federal CDBG funds, as well as the use of District land, to build an arts and recreation center in the neighborhood. The active partnership of both the federal and local government has allowed for the breadth and scope of a comprehensive revitalization of the Parklands community.

At the grand opening celebration we plan to present Franklin Raines of Fannie Mae, Hugh McColl of NationsBank, and Anthony Williams, mayor of the District of Columbia, with the William C. Smith & Company Vision Award. These awards will recognize the long-term commitment these institutions and the District have made to the revitalization of the Villages of Parklands and its surrounding community. We would be honored if you or the First Lady – or both of you together - would present these awards on our behalf and serve as our keynote speaker. Right here in Washington, DC, in the back yard of the White House, we have proof that going into the 21st century we can revitalize neighborhoods without razing them. You have spoken so eloquently about community renewal and worked tirelessly to create an environment supportive of that achievement; we can think of no one more appropriate to lead our celebration.

We plan to hold the grand opening event in the late summer or early fall, and we would be happy to work with your staff to accommodate your schedule. We certainly acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous demand for your time, but we are confident that your time with us would be enjoyable, rewarding and well spent. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

W. Christopher Smith, Jr.

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

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TESTIMONY OF CONGRESSWOMAN ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON BEFORE THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES FOR FUNDING FOR A CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTER TO SUPPLEMENT THE WORK OF A PRIVATE COMPANY IN TRANSFORMING A POOR SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY

April 15, 1999

Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Mollohan, I appreciate your courtesy in affording me the opportunity to testify about funding for a rare project. My practice is and will remain to ask for earmarked funding only in unique circumstances. My priority must be the D.C. appropriation, and I cannot afford to dilute the overriding priority for the city's indespensible appropriation that comes annually before the D.C. subcommittee.

The $2.5 million I am requesting today would contribute to a $10 million recreation center and performing arts center called the ARC in the poorest section of Southeast Washington, Ward 8, for which $4.6 million has already been raised. What brings me here today is not this need alone, however. There are dozens of worthy projects in the District. I believe that the ARC should be funded, not only for its own sake, but to encourage other private developers to do what William C. Smith & Co. has been doing for the last eight years. Using its own private funds, the Smith company has led a $60 million, 54 acre reclamation of an entire, once deteriorated community. I do not know of another example of the rebuilding of an entire community in a poor neighborhood, repopulating it with people with modest means, led not by the government, but by a private developer.

The entire city is impressed, even astonished by the transformation. Mayor Tony Williams took the unusual action of requesting that I testify in favor of this project before your subcommittee. The Smith Company has been involved in Ward 8 since 1969, owning and managing 1800 units in Southeast Washington before 1991. Their's is a story I have not heard before-- where a company acquires troubled properties to save its own rather than walking away, and then moves on to save the neighborhood as well.

The ARC will be part of the renovation and construction of 1110 units of rental and purchased housing, a water park and complete renovation of a public elementary school. If you go there today you will see new and renovated housing any community would be proud to have.

The transformation is unique because it is being lead by a private developer who is paving new ground as a for-profit enterprise. It has invested rather than disinvested and then gone on to invest in the social infrastructure of the neighborhood it serves as well.

The W. C. Smith Company owned property that it had maintained despite the devastation around it. Remaining and keeping its units made the company unusual enough. However, in 1991, the developer acquired The Villages of Parklands, a crime and drug plagued 54 acre, 1400 unit complex that was spiraling so far out of control that it was threatening to take the surrounding neighborhood with it. This is the situation when owners often disinvest. The remarkable decision of a private company to buy the units that were taking properties down and with them an entire neighborhood is what makes this case so unusual.

After buying these devastated and troubled units, the company partnered with local police and dramatically reduced crime. In their first six months of ownership, there were six murders on one notorious gang-controlled block within the development. The company wrested back control of the property, worked with solid residents that had been imprisoned by fear in their units and evicted tenants who engaged in illegal activities or who refused to obey resident-driven house rules. As a result of concerted work with the residents and police and of hands-on property management, the number of fatalities in each of the following two years was reduced to zero.

Next, the company did what is virtually unheard of today. It invested substantial capital in the property. Beyond its own money, it assembled investments for partnership with Fannie Mae, NationsBank, the District government, and federal programs such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and completely renovated close to 900 apartment units. Units received new kitchens, bathrooms, windows, and entry systems. Building entrances received wrought iron fencing to cut off easy escape routes for criminals. The grounds were overhauled and flowers planted making the project as attractive as any development in the city.

The company did not stop with bricks and mortar of the units themselves because of the deplorable condition of neighborhood recreational facilities and invested $1 million of its own funds to develop the Villages of Parklands Splashpark, a state-of-the-art water recreation facility that looks as if it is straight out of Disney World.

However, the banks refused to finance this venture, believing that it did not add value to the property. The Smith Company felt differently and believed correctly that this amenity would draw stable families with children who otherwise might well move a few blocks away to Prince George's County.

Next, the developer created a nonprofit organization, Building Bridges Across the River, to fund and build the ARC, a 51,000 square feet, 350 seat, theater arts, cultural, and recreational center. Considering the isolation of the neighborhood from similar facilities, this was a smart business decision to keep and attract stable tenants and owners, but is the kind of business decision that is seldom made in a poor community. This $10 million effort has received grants of $4.6 million to date including $2.5 million from the city, $350,000 from the Fannie Mae Foundation, $300,000 from NationsBank, and $300,000 and a loaned executive from William C. Smith & Co. itself. The sole purpose of this community facility will be to provide healthy and productive alternatives for neighborhood youth throughout Ward 8. Never before have the communities on the other side of the Anacostia River had access to anything approaching this kind of consortium of cultural and recreational facilities.

The developer's vision has not been contained by private or public sector compartmentalization. Soon after acquiring Parklands, the company asked the principal of the local public school, Garfield Elementary School what it could do to help. Eight years and $200,000 later, Garfield is a different world. William C. Smith & Co. not only committed its volunteer time and labor, but got its subcontractors to contribute as well. The Smith Company and its subcontractors painted the entire 1908 school building, rewired the outdated electrical system so that it could accommodate air conditioning, and installed landscaping, wrought iron fencing, and a glass front door to highlight the school's openness to the community.

The Smith Company's renovation of Garfield's physical infrastructure laid the foundation for extraordinary academic student and staff achievement in the years to come. When the company first began volunteer efforts at Garfield, the school was ranked 100 out of a total of 207 schools across the city. Currently Garfield is ranked 13 out of 146 schools. Last year, Garfield became the second public elementary school in the city to receive the rigorously competitive Middle States Accreditation. In addition to its work with Garfield, the company has adopted three other local schools, bringing needed focus, attention, and resources.

Now, William C. Smith & Co. has created yet another stable environment in and around Parklands, a $27 million homeownership community. To make way for this new development, the company demolished 400 units of vacant and boarded multi-family units and re-utilized the existing infrastructure. Knowing that many buyers were not only first-time, but first generation homebuyers, the Smith Company established and funded a home ownership training program to help first time purchasers deal with issues relating to credit, savings, debt, and general anxiety. The result is that people who have lived in the community for over 20 years and never imagined that they could purchase, are doing so at Oxon Creek.

I have told this story because it is like none other I know of in inner city redevelopment. I do not know the company officers and managers (though I have met some of them) whose remarkable, determined, vision have transformed a community that had been left to rot on the vine. I know this private company only by its extraordinary work. Nor do I know enough about the developer to be able explain where its deep dedication is rooted. What I do know is that this Congress would want others to do likewise. I can think of no better way to encourage this privately led transformation of an entire community than to make the $2.5 million contribution to the $10 million recreation and cultural ARC. I respectfully request that this subcommittee sign on as a partner appropriating the requested amount.

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SBA Administrator's Schedule of New Markets Events

August 3rd -- Chicago
Appears with the President and other cabinet members at the Welfare to Work Partnership. The Administrator will discuss New Markets during her roundtable session and community walk.

August 4th -- Presidential Roll-Out of New Markets Legislation

August 6th -- Chicago
Administrator will discuss New Markets at the Rainbow/PUSH Conference.

August 10th -- Presidential Roll-Out of BusinessLINC

August 12th -- El Paso, TX
Administraator will discuss New Markets with Cong. Reyes and community and business leaders.

August 20th -- Washington, DC
Administrator will discuss New Markets in a speech to the African-American Women on Tour

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EAST ARKANSAS ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW-UP PLAN

VISIT TO ARKANSAS BY THE HONORABLE WILLIAM (BILL) CLINTON – PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES AUGUST 7, 1999

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EC DELTA INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW-UP PLAN

On August 4, 1999 an Executive Summary of the Application package was prepared and submitted to the Honorable Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation. A copy was also hand-delivered at the meeting with the President on August 7, 1999. This plan consisted of items/issues, which can be administratively approved/authorized and/or designated by the President or Cabinet Members and can be announced for implementation. There are some items/requests that will take budgetary authority and/or legislation. The administration is requested to take immediate action on the administrative items/requests and give priority to the others.

STATEMENT / ISSUE # I:

The East Arkansas Enterprise Community (EAEC) requested an upgrade to a Rural Empowerment Zone during the Round II Application process (October 9, 1998). The EAEC was not approved for an upgrade. The Pulaski County Enterprise Community also requested an upgrade and was not approved. However, the Secretary of HUD designated the Pulaski County EC as a **Strategic Planning Community**, which qualifies it for various funding and benefits available to Empowerment Zones.

REQUEST / RESPONSE # I:

The President / Secretary is requested to designate the EAEC as a Rural **Strategic Planning Community**, which would qualify it for additional funding and benefits available to Empowerment Zones. The funding authorities would immensely help to leverage other private dollars to improve the quality of life in the EC. The Tax Incentives and other benefits would help attract industry and increase employment opportunities.

STATEMENT / ISSUE #II:

The EC Benchmark #3 / Human Development-Youth Education and Benchmark #11-Workforce are working aggressively with local youth organizations and partnering with the Local and County Workforce Alliances. Workforce funds are being leveraged with EC and private funds. Two (2) youth organizations in the EC, the Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation's-Youth Enterprise in Agriculture/EXCEL program, and the Remedial Instruction Strengthens Education / Motivational Opportunities for a Vital Education program in the EC have received the President's Volunteer Action Program Award.

REQUEST / RESPONSE #II:

The EAEC has met all requirements and been certified by the Federal Government to be a recipient and distributor of funds to implement it's benchmarks. The Department of Labor's Appropriation Act provides for $250M for opportunities for youths ages 14-21 in Enterprise Communities. The announcement (SGA/DFA 99-015) specifically states that "Grants are to be used to increase long-term employment for youth who live in the EC's". However, it disqualifies the EC's as eligible applicants. It indicates that funds must go through a non-existent local board (9/1/99). The EAEC, requests that $5M be allocated to this EC to improve employment opportunities for the youth in the EC. The EC, as a certified recipient and distributor of funds, should not have to seek funds from a third party. The President / Secretary should award $1.5M from the Secretary's Discretionary Fund and earmark another $1.5M for the EC totaling $3M.

STATEMENT / ISSUE #III:

EC Benchmark #5 (Housing and Environment) and Benchmark #8 (Infrastructure) are invaluable tools for leveraging funds for the families, small towns and communities (11 EC and 10 Champion / Crowley Ridge Scenic Byways) projects, such as; housing, sub-divisions, fire departments, community-building, water sewage, drainage and tornado early warning systems. EC Benchmark #10 (Economic Development-Business Expansion and /development). The EC has developed plans for a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to serve the EC and Champion communities. The plan has been submitted by RFP's to interested lending institutions. EC Benchmark #3 (Youth K – 12). This Benchmark helps youths - Kindergarten through Grade 12- become educated about various careers, work ethics and employment opportunities. In essence, the objective is to help prepare youth to become productive citizens.

REQUEST / RESPONSE #III:

Request that the Secretary of Labor provide $5M to support a youth demonstration program through the Division of Seasonal Farmworker Programs to help prepare rural youth to successfully adopt and transit into the Y2K economy, which will largely be based on High Technology. Follow-up on the application and proposal submitted to the Honorable Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation, on July 27, 1999. See the executive summary of the proposal attached, dated July 27, 1999. The proposal requests $6M and identifies sources, such as the Department of Education, Labor, Agriculture, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human /services, and the Small Business Administration.

STATEMENT/ISSUE #IV:

The Delta, especially the Arkansas Delta, is in need of a National Research Center, which would assess disease, health education and outreach, and the effects of the air, soil, water quantity and quality, and nutrition/diets. The center should also look at and develop a proposal to reduce the impacts of pollution on Human Health and the Environment.

REQUEST/RESPONSE #IV:

Establish a National Center of Risk Assessment in Phillips, Lee or St. Francis County. The Agriculture Research Service (ARS) has an established number of these National Centers across the country. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is one of six (6) lead institutions participating in an existing ARS-USDA Lower Mississippi Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative which will support such a center. The Lead entity for this project should be selected in accordance with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Executive Order Number 12876 - dated November 1, 1993 – through ownership contract or sub-grant.

STATEMENT/ISSUE #V:

Continue to support "The Delta: Beyond 2000" Tourism Strategy and utilize the interagency partnership agreement headed by Secretary Rodney Slater. This agreement, if fully implemented, will not only help achieve sustainable economic and human development to improve the quality of life in the Delta but will recognize the culturally rich and economic strategic region for tourism – Crowley Ridge Scenic Byway.

REQUEST/RESPONSE #V:

Develop U.S. Highway 79 between Marianna and Pine Bluff as a "interstate quality" highway. Complete State Highway 1 as a 4-lane route from Haynes to Walnut Corner. This will connect the mid-delta cities to Pine Bluff and I-69 via Monticello. Complete Highway #49 from Walnut Corner to Brinkley. This is one of the most highly traveled and most dangerous highways in the state. Assist Cross County in completing the connection of Highway #1 and #350 to State Highway #284 – thereby completing another scenic byway through Crowley's Ridge. Develop an exit ramp off I-40 to Madison on the scenic route Highway #50 and #284. Currently, there is no exit or exit sign off I-40 to Madison. Earmark funds to complete the above improvements per cost estimates prepared by the state or private engineers.

STATEMENT / ISSUE # VI:

The issuance of $26M to fund the Delta Regional Commission (DRC)-modeled after the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) never became a reality or never created any new dollars, authorities or benefits for the Delta. Many of the Delta counties meet and exceed the ARC's criteria for distressed counties. Citizens of the Delta (Arkansas), industries and others should also be entitled to the same.

REQUEST / RESPONSE # VI:

The Administration should revitalize this initiative and create the same. Since Rural Arkansas did not get a Rural Enterprise Zone, the Rural Enterprise Communities of Arkansas (East Arkansas Enterprise Community and Mississippi County Enterprise Community) should be designated as Mini-Demonstration Regions to qualify for the same.

STATEMENT / ISSUE # VII:

On January 30, 1998, the Secretary of Agriculture-at two public meetings (Lonoke Farm-UAPB and UAPB campus)- announced the designation of the National Water Management Center and its location on the UAPB Farm at Lonoke. A proposal was developed and submitted to the Secretary in July 1998. The proposal is currently under consideration by the Secretary and the USDA / Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

REQUEST / RESPONSE # VII:

The Secretary should honor his commitment and approve the request. The problem of water management is a national issue. The National Center and UAPB are commended for the Wetland and Water Management issues that are currently being addressed.

STATEMENT / ISSUE # VIII:

Each of the eleven (11) towns and communities in the EC retained an engineer and acquired detailed infrastructure plans. The additional three (3) Champion Communities did also. We requested these Champion Communities as Developable Sites as a part of the EC's application for an upgrade to an EZ. Copies of these plans were provided to the Honorable Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation, on July 27, 1999. The cost estimates for the plans and developable sites total an approximate $62M.

REQUEST / RESPONSE # VIII:

Please have the appropriate agencies to review these plans and the proposals, and earmark funds for the year 2000 budget. Assistance will be provided, if needed.

STATEMENT / ISSUE #IX:

The Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a part of the EC Benchmarks (Benchmark #10-Small Business/CDFI). The CDFI will provide and attract capital that assists in diversifying and broadening the employment base of the five-county service area. This is accomplished through leveraging and pooling financial resources that support investments in small businesses, speculative buildings, new industries, developing/expanding companies and community development projects. There is a need for certification and funding for a CDFI in the EC. At present, a plan has been developed and lending institutions have expressed an interest in supporting this initiative.

REQUEST / RESPONSE #IX:

Earmark $500,000.00 of Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) funds to leverage with EC and other funds. The RBEG funds would enable the EC to establish a revolving loan fund to serve as equity/seed money to facilitate loans from private sources to low-income and small business enterprise who otherwise would not qualify. The local Workforce Alliance and TEA Coalition have also expressed their interest and support, of such a loan fund, with matching dollars.

STATEMENT / ISSUE #X:

To improve technical and outreach support for Limited Resource and Small Family Farmers.

REQUEST / RESPONSE #X:

Provide necessary funding for the EC to implement support for Limited Resource and Small Family Farmers in technology transfer, outreach, technical assistance and paraprofessional Mentor farmer development.

Source: 2501

Economic and Social Conditions.

EC Census Tract Profile:

Areas that comprise the EAEC include six (6) census tracts in four (4) counties.

Census Tracts	Communities	Counties	Poverty Rate	Area Square Miles	Total Population
9505	Wynne	Cross	34.54	6.4	5,666
9702	Moro	Lee	44.7	157.4	2,482
9501	Brinkley Fargo	Monroe	43.39	104.2	5,183
9601	Hughes Widener	St. Francis	48.65	233.5	4,470
9602	Caldwell Colt Madison	St. Francis	28.62	172.9	6,374
9603	Palestine Wheatley	St. Francis	24.74	196.9	3,211
Totals:	11 communities	4 counties		871.3	27,396

Developable Sites:

In addition, the EAEC has considered three (3) developable areas in three (3) cities. These include the downtown areas of Marianna (Lee County), Holly Grove (Monroe County), and Forrest City (St. Francis County).

Census Tracts	Communities	Counties	Poverty Rate	Area Square Miles	Total Population
9703	Downtown Marianna	Lee		.005	
9503	Downtown Holly Grove	Monroe		.002	
9604	Downtown Forrest City	St. Francis		.005	

Delta Beyond 2000 Initiative:

The EC also considered Champion Communities, and towns and communities along the Crowley's Ridge Scenic Byways from Wynne/Cross County to Helena/Phillips County. The communities/towns are Helena, West Helena, Lexa, Barton, Haynes, and Parkin.

A total of twenty (20) communities/towns.