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Our Mission

Since 1971, the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have joined together to strengthen their efforts to empower America's neglected citizens - including but not limited to Americans of color - by more effectively addressing our legislative concerns.

The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to utilizing the full Constitutional power, statutory authority, and financial resources of the Government of the United States of America

to ensure, insofar as possible, that everyone in the United States has an opportunity to live out the American Dream. The legislative agenda of universal empowerment that the Members of the Caucus shall collectively pursue shall include, but are not limited to: the creation of universal access to a world-class education from birth through post secondary level; the creation of universal access to quality, affordable health care and the elimination of racially based health disparities; the creation of universal access to

modern technology, capital, and full, fairly-compensated employment; the creation and or expansion of US foreign policy initiatives that will contribute to the survival, health, education, and general welfare of all peoples of the world in a manner consistent with universal human dignity, tolerance, and respect, and such other legislative action as a majority of the entire CBC membership from time to time may support.



*Chairman's
Message*


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Dear Friend,

This month the Congressional Black Caucus had the opportunity to hold its first full Caucus meeting with President Barack Obama. We emphasized the importance of innovative job and wealth creation, especially for the African American community, which is the hardest hit by the recession. We discussed a myriad of issues, but jobs were the primary focus including ways to address the conditions of the long term unemployed. The CBC commended President Obama on the successful military action taken by the Administration and our armed forces in capturing Osama bin Laden. Additionally, the CBC acknowledged the importance of Assistant Leader, Jim Clyburn's significant role in the budget deficit and debt ceiling discussions.

For the 16th straight month, we have seen growth in private sector jobs—last month being the strongest for job growth since February 2006. Nevertheless, the overall unemployment rate increased by .2% and unemployment in the African American community has increased by .6% to a painful 16.1%. The fact still remains that millions are still out of work, which is particularly challenging given the fact that increasingly higher gas prices are putting a strain on every American family.

After four months of controlling the House, the Republican Leadership has not considered or introduced one, single jobs bill. Instead they continue to cut funding to critical programs that directly and negatively impact our country's most vulnerable communities, costing hundreds of thousands of jobs. I am fearful that reckless spending cuts will severely undermine and prevent recovery for every American community. The CBC remains committed to responsibly reducing the deficit, while safeguarding the progress that we have made in the job market by investing in our future. Investing in our communities goes hand in hand with full economic recovery. No investment, no recovery.

Warmest regards,

Emanuel Cleaver, II
Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus

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THE CAUCUS CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON THREE PRESSING ISSUES: PROTECTING HEALTHCARE, LIFETIME EDUCATION, JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The Congressional Black Caucus has served this nation diligently for the past 40 years. This Congress is no different.

The Caucus continues to focus on three pressing issues: protecting healthcare, lifetime education, job creation and economic development. These are some of the most pertinent issues facing our communities, and we continue to advocate for them. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II established these priorities when he became Chairman in January 2011 and they remain at the forefront of the CBC agenda.

PROTECTING HEALTHCARE

This month, Republican leadership once again put a vote on the calendar for a bill that sought to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). A vast majority of CBC members voted a sound “no” against this attack on the landmark legislation. While the passage of the Affordable Care Act was a tremendous victory for all Americans, it was particularly important for the Black community. Nearly every aspect of the Affordable Care Act positively impacts minority communities by protecting those with preexisting conditions, ensuring dependent coverage, providing vital preventive services and care, making health care affordable for small businesses, and increasing Medicare benefit coverage. This is why the CBC continues to remain diligent in its fight against attacks on the Affordable Care Act.

African Americans have long suffered from poorer health and premature mortality as a direct result of their disproportionately high rates of non-insurance, HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. These ailments are attributable to the social determinants of health that not only sustain, but exacerbate racial and ethnic health disparities. It is important to protect health equity and the reliable access to affordable healthcare that this new law will ensure. The CBC will continue to vote “no” on any legislative challenges to the Affordable Care Act and support this law as it is invaluable to our communities.

LIFETIME EDUCATION

The Caucus is extremely supportive of programs that promote education for a lifetime. We know that programs which support everything from early childhood education to adult literacy have a positive impact, both socially and economically.

The CBC Education and Labor Taskforce, Chaired by

Congressman Danny K. Davis, has been resolute in setting and keeping its priorities in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization. As Republican leadership tries to defund major programs including “Improving Literacy through Libraries” and “Reading is Fundamental,” the CBC fights to protect them.

Recently, the CBC Education and Labor Taskforce Members, along with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, submitted a letter to all those involved in the creation and implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to assure that they knew our communities’ concerns. They include:

- Requiring disaggregated student achievement accountability at the federal level for all students in all schools;
- Closing achievement gaps and increasing achievement for all students;
- Ensuring that all students have access to effective teachers and other critical educational resources;
- Providing educational services and assessments for all English Language Learners;
- Increasing high school graduation rates and ensuring that students graduate college and career ready;
- Ensuring that school intervention strategies use best



practices to increase student achievement, involving the community at every step and addressing the needs of individual schools;

- Measuring, reporting, and addressing the disproportionate representation of students of color in disciplinary referrals and special education interaction; and
- Replacing the Cradle to Prison Pipeline with a Cradle to College and Workforce Pipeline.

Keeping in line with our dedication to lifetime education, the Congressional Black Caucus will host an Education Commission in June. During this event, the nation’s top education experts will head to Washington, DC to discuss the educational priorities that the nation needs to address. Much like the CBC Budget Commission, this event will also produce a policy report that will analyze education at every level—from early childhood education to adult education and provide concrete recommendations for improving the systems.

JOB TRAINING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Finally, the CBC is focused on job training and economic development. The CBC recently met with former CBC Member and President Barack Obama to discuss this priority. The prevailing issue? Jobs, jobs, jobs! The CBC emphasized the importance of creative and innovative job creation. This is especially important for the African American community during the current recession. The Caucus proposed the idea of summer youth jobs through aid and clean up of the recent tornado and flood ravished areas of the country. The CBC also expressed a need for the Administration’s support in identifying resources that are available for investment in the most vulnerable communities. These funds will allow Members to support much-needed programs that are threatened by the impending budget cuts, such as job training programs and shelter for families. President Obama affirmed his commitment to finding targeted resources for communities that need them the most in order to ensure their long term growth. In turn, this will create a more prosperous America. President Obama assured the CBC that we will be working closely together on creative ways to get our country and community back to work, promoting his goal to create a robust economy that will begin generating jobs for those in the African American community and for all Americans.

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INSTEAD OF MEDICARE'S GUARANTEED COVERAGE, SENIORS WILL ONCE AGAIN BE AT THE MERCY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR CARE.



WE WILL DEFEND MEDICARE

By: Congressman William Lacy Clay (D-MO)

Just a few days ago, I watched in total amazement as my Republican colleagues in the House passed a budget that ends Medicare as we know it – and guts Medicaid too.

The Republican budget gives huge tax breaks to big oil and the wealthy few while it adds hundreds of billions to our national debt.

And it also sets the stage for an assault on Social Security.

The Republican vote to end Medicare was a complete betrayal of the greatest generation. The proposal trusts the free market to take care of our most vulnerable citizens.

It's a perfect example of how totally out of touch the Republicans are with the American people.

Sixty-five percent of all Americans oppose the Republican proposal to end Medicare and turn it into a voucher program for seniors. Under the Republican plan, average annual out of pocket health care costs for seniors will double...with the typical retiree paying an additional six thousand dollars a year.

Instead of Medicare's guaranteed coverage, Seniors will once again be at the mercy of insurance companies who will be in charge of their care. That's not the promise that we made to retired Americans.

Of course, it's obvious that all of this is really part of a larger effort.

My colleague from Wisconsin, GOP budget chairman Paul Ryan...said that his plan was:

“Not just a budget...but a cause.”

The next item on his agenda is assaulting Social Security.

Before Social Security, older Americans couldn't afford to retire and enjoy their later years with some sense of dignity.

As President Obama rightly stated, we are not going to balance the budget and pay off the debt by breaking our sacred promises to the people who built this country.

I absolutely agree that we have to restore fiscal sanity to the federal budget, and everything has to be on the table...including entitlements and defense spending. But it's a total lie to say that we can no longer afford to educate the young and care for the old.

America is still the richest, the strongest and the most productive country in the world. We're on the path to restoring jobs and economic security.

We are going to win the future by out-working, out-educating and out-innovating the rest of the world.

We need a peace dividend to reinvest back into this country to make rebuilding our infrastructure a national priority that hires the unemployed, restores our economic security, and gives America a new competitive edge in the world.

We will defend Medicare and we will also fight to preserve the historic health care reform legislation that is already helping millions of Americans.

My generation of national leaders needs to be ever mindful of the broad and brave shoulders that we are all standing on.

And as a Congress, we need to keep our promises to today's senior citizens and future retirees too.

We need to make shared sacrifice and common responsibility a reality without harming our most vulnerable citizens in the process.

MEDICARE & MEDICAID

By: Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL)

Just last week, I held a Town Hall meeting on Medicare with Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Kathy Castor of Tampa, where we pledged to fight tooth and nail against the changes the Republicans want to make to our nation's Medicare and Medicaid system.

Indeed, why should the federal government save money on the backs of seniors and the working poor at the same time the Republican Leadership want to give tax breaks to millionaires, subsidies to Big Oil, and tax cuts to companies that send jobs overseas?

Their budget provides \$2 trillion in tax breaks for the rich, privatizes Medicare, and turns Medicaid over to the states by block granting this program for our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

And their new plan for Medicare is to give vouchers to senior citizens and send them out on their own to purchase insurance in the open market. Ironically, the value of the vouchers in the Republican plan would not even keep up with inflation, and force senior citizens to wind up paying \$6000 more for health care than they do under the current Medicare system.

In addition, the Republicans' plans for Medicaid are no better: they would cut funding to the states with even fewer requirements. A few years ago in my district, an HMO-run Medicaid pilot program was attempted by then Governor Bush. To no one's surprise, it did NOT work. And while my constituents were guinea pigs in Governor Bush's experiment, the residents of Florida's 3rd district struggled desperately just to find care, while state Medicaid costs did not fall.

As an active Member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will fight to preserve the gains we made in the last Congress to expand access to health care and protect those who already have it, not undermine our senior citizens and the poor. Under the Affordable Care Act of 2009, guaranteed Medicare-covered benefits won't be reduced, the prescription drug donut hole will disappear, and many preventive services for seniors are already free. We have come too far to go back to the days when seniors had to choose between eating and visiting the doctor, yet that is exactly where the Republicans want to take us.

HBCUs represent just 4 percent of U.S. universities. Yet they confer 22 percent of all bachelor degrees earned by African-Americans, 24 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded to African-Americans in science and engineering, and nearly 35 percent of all bachelor's degrees to African-Americans in astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics. The top 8 conferrers of science and engineering degrees to African Americans and 20 of the top 50 are HBCUs. Fifty percent of African American teachers graduated from an HBCU.

Provide Financial Support To Historically Black Colleges And Universities

By Reps. Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Jim Clyburn (D-SC)

Challenging financial times such as these require difficult funding choices. That is why the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) have seized the mantle of leadership and provided financial support in recent spending bills for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and primarily black institutions (PBIs).

The FY2010-enacted budget included \$85 million in funding, and the FY2011 Continuing Resolution (CR) included a similar level of funding. And even as our nation faced its worst recession since the Great Depression, the CBC pressed President Obama to include comparable prior-year funding in his FY2012 budget request.

It is important to note that the members of the CBC have never wavered in its support of HBCUs and has sought to ensure that they will remain financially viable and able to provide the highest quality of education for the next generation. As members of Congress, we believe it is vital to invest in education and to help all children receive an early, healthy head start in order for them to thrive and grow to their full capacity. We believe it is critical to invest in human capital and to support those programs and institutions that spur and sustain in

Head Start, Healthy Start, GEAR UP, and TRIO are preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college opportunities. HBCUs are moving the growing population of students through 2- and 4-year training and academic programs with exceptional results in high growth/needs industries. They are the best return on our investment. The members of the CBC will remain steadfast in its opposition to the proposed disinvestment in these precious programs for our most precious resource – our next generation – and in HBCUs, the economic engines of their service communities.

H.R.1, passed by House Republicans, will eviscerate HBCU and PBI programs, decrease the Pell Grant award by \$850, and negatively impact education programs such as TRIO and GEAR UP that focus on student preparation, inspiration and retention initiatives. The cuts in funding for these institutions and programs will force millions of students to drop out of college, defer their college aspirations, or be denied a 2- or 4-year college education.

They will cause HBCUs that began long deferred construction projects with federal funding to abort projects midstream. We recognize the severity of drastic funding cuts by the Republican leadership and will continue to be unyielding in

its opposition to targeted reductions.

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that the short-term economic impact of HBCUs is \$10 billion. This figure does not capture the vast other multipliers for our years. A Department of Commerce Report indicated that 101 HBCUs combined have an employment impact of 180,142 jobs, more than the 177,000 created by Bank of America, the nation's 23rd largest employer.

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intellectual, economic, civic, cultural and political fabric of our nation.

The members of the CBC will not relent in its support for the pipeline programs to and through HBCUs and PBIs. We will remain unstinting in our support for HBCUs. They are doing the heavy lifting educating black students and increasing the numbers of other students who want to attain a degree in a smaller, more richly diverse environment, and they deserve our continued support.

Rep. Barbara Lee is a Democratic congresswoman from California, and Rep. Jim Clyburn is a 10-term member of Congress from South Carolina.

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Black Caucus Takes Challenges To White House

By Jeff Johnson

On May 12th the entire 43 member Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) met with President Obama for the first time during the 112th Congressional session. The state dining room at the White House served as the backdrop for a meeting that CBC leadership wanted -- to focus on job creation, redistricting, and the allocation of federal resources to communities that need them most.

The meeting was closed to the press, but theGrio was able to sit down one-on-one with the chairman of the CBC, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver to talk about the outcome. When first asked how the meeting went, the Chairman responded, "candid and productive."

The early part of the meeting provided the CBC with the chance to directly commend the president on the successful military action that led to the death of Osama bin Laden, and the swift action taken by the administration to ensure that citizens in areas hit by recent national disasters received the help and assistance they needed.

However, the undeniable issue focus of the meeting was jobs. Rep. Cleaver stated, "We can only win the future if we can create good, well-paying jobs for our communities. Everything discussed here today is directly related to creating jobs--our focus is on improving the economic conditions of our communities, as well as lowering the high unemployment rates."

It is no secret that the unemployment rate for African-Americans has been stagnant or rising for the past several months. While African-Americans are at 16.1 percent -- up .6 percent, the U.S. has seen improvements in national unemployment numbers. Though this reality remains overwhelmingly harsh for blacks specifically, based on the chairman's recount of the meeting, the president's resolve remains on improving the economic condition of the country, which in his mind will improve the condition of African-Americans in the process.

While the Caucus thinks more direct action that focuses on African-American unemployment is the answer, Cleaver was clear that they would be working with the Administration in the midst of challenging legislative environment. "It doesn't make sense for us to play politics and propose countless pieces of legislation that we know will never see committee," stated Cleaver. He believes there are options that will make real change in the country that can only come by Executive prerogative and encouraged the president to "use creativity of the highest level to affect these changes."

When asked for a way that the president could be "creative," Cleaver mentioned the Caucus'



Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II, D-Mo., center, accompanied by fellow Congressional Black Caucus members, speaks outside the White House in Washington, Thursday, May 12, 2011, after their meeting with President Barack Obama. Front row, from left are, Rep. Robert Scott D-Va., Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Cleaver, Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., and Rep. Donald M. Payne, D-N.J. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

recommendation to the president to direct existing dollars that are a part of Administration Secretary's discretionary funds into America's most vulnerable areas. The Chairman made it clear that the Caucus was targeting 87 districts, more than half of which are not CBC represented, or minority dominated districts. The CBC further recommended looking to the legality and effectiveness of using the declaration for federal assistance relief dollars in Alabama and Mississippi for potential job creation. This was a recommendation that the President said he would take under advisement.

The Caucus also addressed the issue of redistricting with the president. Cleaver told theGrio that the Congressional Black Caucus Institute is already prepared to make lawyers and experts available to its members and districts to ensure that the voting rights act is respected and that other states are not subject to "packing" or the gerrymandering of decades past that remove or weaken predominately black districts.

The president has stated publicly that Attorney General Eric Holder and the Justice Department is concerned and will be working to ensure that states are operating lawfully during the submission and approval of state redistricting plans.

While the Chairman spoke of jobs, redistricting, and federal assistance to vulnerable areas, today's meeting had a forth, and arguably more important issue: the relationship between the Congressional Black Caucus and the president, which can without a doubt affect the engagement of the African-American community during the 2012 election cycle.

Cleaver stated, "We turned a page during this meeting. There was a candor that I have not seen with this president from our members." The chairman went on to address a challenge that many CBC members faced, being critical of President Obama. "Back home, people want you to support the president at all cost," Cleaver told TheGrio, "but no President is always right. We have taken every president to task since Nixon in 1971, we can't stop now."

Cleaver he said that he hoped the black community could turn the same page, but he wanted one thing to be clear, "The CBC being critical of the president would not minimize our commitment to work with him and we are irreversibly connected to his re-election."

Cleaver believes that this level of communication will continue, and define the future working relationship between the president and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Original Post [HERE](#).



Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D) MO speaks to reporters outside the White House after his caucus met with President Obama Thursday.



Congressional Black Caucus Vows To Keep Pushing Obama On Jobs

By: Lesa Jansen

WASHINGTON (CNN)— Despite what in the past has been a cool if not contentious relationship, members of the Congressional Black Caucus today met with one of its highest profile former members, President Barack Obama.

The focus was jobs and the rising unemployment rate especially in the communities represented by CBC members. CBC chairman Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D) MO said his members told the president of the “pain that is taking place in the urban poor and in many of the districts we represent.” The unemployment rate among African Americans is nearly twice that of the general population.

Cleaver said the talks focused on how to address the jobs issue and also focused on the lack of jobs for minority teens as summer approaches. The CBC chairman said the president told his members that he was working on “healing” the economy and that as that happens it would address the concerns of caucus members. In the past, some CBC members have been critical of the Obama administration for not being “responsive” to African American concerns. Thursday members left with no promises from the president but a commitment he would “examine” some of their suggestions including incorporating job creation into disaster declarations. Rep. Cleaver was asked what is next for his caucus. “[We’re] going to keep pushing. We came over here to push and when we leave we’re still going to push.”

Original Post [HERE](#).



Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II, D-Mo., center, accompanied by fellow CBC members outside the White House after their meeting with President Barack Obama. Front row, from left are, Rep. Robert Scott, D-Va., Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Cleaver, D-Mo.; Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill. and Rep. Donald M. Payne, D-N.J. (Photo: AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)



CBC and President Obama Discuss Black Job Creation

By: Joyce Jones

The Congressional Black Caucus met with President Obama for an hour on Thursday, during which the group urged him to focus more on job creation in the nation’s urban core and other communities where unemployment rates have soared to record-high levels.

CBC Chairman Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) told reporters after the meeting that the group is “unapologetically pushing” for economic solutions that target African-Americans.

“We are not satisfied that the poor and the vulnerable are hurting,” Cleaver said. “We are satisfied that the president’s attention is on that.”

Cleaver said that CBC members and the president exchanged “creative” ideas about job creation, including programs that target census tracts where unemployment and poverty have persisted for decades and areas recovering from recent natural disasters. But, he said, “The issues are difficult to manage. If they weren’t, we would have already solved it.” Cleaver said that his group also would seek legislative solutions but would continue to place pressure on the White House.

“People who would otherwise be middle class through no fault of their own have found themselves without jobs. They’re firefighters, factory workers, police officers and state workers, and they are begging for help,” Cleaver said. “I think that the Congressional Black Caucus and the president are interested in trying to come up with some means to address that and doing it rather quickly.”

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POLITICO



'We can be no more or no less than what our experiences allow us to be,' said James Clyburn.

James Clyburn's Past Informs Present Budget Views

By David Rogers

The past is never past for South Carolina's Jim Clyburn but, rather, it's his burden to carry and what makes him a conscience for the future — and President Barack Obama.

"Irrespective of what we may think we are, we can be no more or no less than what our experiences allow us to be," the Democratic congressman said in his Capitol office. "Once again, the glass is half full or half empty. Where [Obama] sees in many instances the glass being half full, a lot of black people with my experiences think the glass is half empty."

With Washington talking "trillions" in budget cuts, this minister's son is preaching "tithing" — targeting 10 percent of what remains to historically poor counties across the nation. And when House Democrats fell into a destructive game of musical chairs after losing power in November, it was Clyburn — born in the segregated South — who broke the cycle by stepping aside to allow a young Hispanic from the West Coast, Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.), to hold onto his seat at the leadership table.

The gold letters now on his door — "assistant leader" — carry less heft than the Democratic whip title he once held and coveted. But in truth, Clyburn has always moved at a higher plane, precisely because of his past and the insights it gives him.

Segregation left its mark in the form of the protective reserve that he taught himself to adopt to survive. "I was not born this way," Clyburn said. But he also came out of the experience with a remarkable ability to study and reach out to different personalities. "I fish in many ponds" is his trademark coalition motto, with a set of extended family relationships from the South and across racial lines.

"Not a single thing that I had on in that jail that day did I put on my body again," Clyburn once told this reporter, describing the wrenching emotions after a famous 1961 protest, five months before Obama was born. John West, an early progressive among South Carolina governors, tapped the young man for his staff — and soon taught him his first lesson in the glass "half full/half empty" analogy.

And in more than 17 years as South Carolina's Human Affairs Commissioner, Clyburn also developed lasting friendships with conservative Republican Govs. James Edwards and the late Carroll Campbell.

"People always marveled at the fact that Carroll Campbell and I got along so well," Clyburn said. "Carroll Campbell was as partisan as anybody could be, but I always allowed for his background experience, which I studied. He was a very poor kid who did not get his education in the normal flow of things. ... I think Carroll Campbell finished college after he came to Congress. ... He was an astute businessman and made money, and I always knew that. And we allowed for that in our relationship."

All of this comes full circle now, given the genuine fiscal crisis facing Washington and the deep political divide between Obama and Republicans in Congress. Clyburn, an important ally for the president in the 2008 campaign, is being pulled back into the middle as one of six House and Senate lawmakers charged with trying to find a compromise to avert a default late this summer.

"The discussions are sobering," he said of the so-called Blair House — some say "Bleak House" — group that met Thursday with Vice President Joe Biden. "But I tell you what. I am going to give it my best shot. I'm not going to sit there as some bump on the log, and I'm not going to be knee-jerk in my reaction to it."

Indeed, in 1995, Clyburn surprised many by voting for a Republican-backed balanced-budget amendment. "I never shied away from that vote because that is what I believe. ... I think that living within your means is a value," he said.

So also is remembering the poor — and the biblical mandate to tithe.

At a White House dinner last week, Clyburn was already lobbying the administration to expand on the so-called 10-20-30 formula first tried on a limited scale in the giant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The goal is to direct 10 percent of available funds to counties that have had persistent poverty rates of at least 20 percent for 30 years. An estimated 474 counties with a total population of 22.4 million people qualified in 2009 — and, on balance, Republican and Democratic House members then shared almost equal representation.

"I was born and raised in a parsonage, so that is not foreign to me," Clyburn said of the "tithe." "These cuts have to be fair. The sacrifice has to be shared. People are in a bad mood because they think they are bearing the burden of this."

With the old-style appropriations earmarks for poor districts out the window, the "10-20-30" approach would "absolutely" help get votes for a final deal, he said.

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On May 12th, the Congressional Black Caucus held their first full Caucus meeting with President Obama. The CBC emphasized the importance of innovative job and wealth creation, especially for the African American community, which is the hardest hit by the recession. President Obama and the CBC discussed a myriad of issues, but jobs were the primary focus including ways to address the conditions of the long term unemployed. The CBC commended President Obama on the successful military action taken by the Administration and our armed forces in capturing Osama bin Laden. Additionally, the CBC acknowledged the importance of Assistant Leader, Jim Clyburn's significant role in the budget deficit and debt ceiling discussions.

The CBC expressed to the President the importance of immediately identifying

resources available for investment for critical programs that serve vulnerable communities. The Caucus proposed the idea of youth jobs through aid and clean up of the recent tornado and flood ravished areas. President Obama expressed his commitment to short and long term strategies to ensure economic growth thereby creating a more prosperous America. The President also assured the Caucus of their critical role as a partner in addressing the economic woes of our time. President Obama expressed his goal to create a robust economy that will generate jobs for those in the African American community and for all Americans. The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to continuing its work with the Obama Administration to get America back to work.

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Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson
30th Congressional District of Texas

Greatest Professional Accomplishments

Having the opportunity to address the many needs of my constituents in the 30th Congressional District of Texas is a real accomplishment. I make an effort to cover their variety of concerns that range from the arts, transportation and health care to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, education, affordable housing and social security. My work is visible in my district. I want my constituents to be proud to live in the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

Legacy You Want To Leave Behind

I want to be remembered for my work. I never forget why I was elected to Washington and who elected me. I am here to serve and look out for my constituents, and my faith has been my strong partner in guiding my way.

What is your hope for the future of the Caucus?

My hope for the CBC is that it will continue to be a strong entity and follow the tradition its founders established four decades ago - being the voice of people who had very little representation or none at all. The CBC was founded to break through superficialities and barriers that hindered equality. The nation looked to it to be the conscious of Congress and that is how it should remain.

A Little Known Fact?

I have nurtured and mentored a large number of former staff people in both elected and appointed positions of all levels of government.

Shelley P. Davis, Chief of Staff Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke



BRIEF BIO.

A native of Texas, I earned my B.A. at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, where I received numerous awards for academic achievements. I have also served as Executive Director of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, worked on both Clinton/Gore campaigns in many capacities. I served as a Regional Field Director for the Gore-Lieberman campaign in 2000, and as Chief of Staff for Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston. For the past decade, I have worked closely with Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., I have traveled to Europe, the Middle East as well as numerous regions in Asia, Africa and South America with alongside Rev. Jackson honing my negotiation skills.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING FOR CONGRESSWOMAN CLARKE?

Since August 2010

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU COULD GIVE A YOUNG STAFFER OR A YOUNG PERSON INTERESTED IN WORKING IN POLITICS?

I would stress to young staffers or young people interested in working in politics that no matter what you do, even if it is perceived as insignificant, do it as well as you can, giving it as much care and attention as you would give to the thing you would regard as most important. I have learned that you will be judged by the small things and he who loses his humility, individuality, and integrity loses all. Do not project yourself beyond your pay grade- humility in any work environment is the key to success.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT THUS FAR?

- Through working with Jesse L. Jackson Sr., I had the opportunity to meet and establish strong relationships with leaders of politics, business and religion within the United States and around the world.
- Elected one of the youngest city council members in Texas in 1995 (serving 2.5 terms)
- Body Man to civil rights icon, 84/88 presidential candidate Rev Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. for a decade

WHAT MARK ON THE POLITICAL WORLD DO YOU HOPE TO LEAVE BEHIND?

I would like to leave a good reputation as an efficient and effective staffer to my Member of Congress.

I would stress to young staffers or young people interested in working in politics that in no matter what you do, even if it is perceived as insignificant, do it as well as you can, giving it as much care and attention as you would give to the thing you would regard as most important.

Congressional Black Caucus Grant Announcement and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Guidance and Applications Kits from the Department of Homeland Security

Please pass the following grant announcements along to any individual or organization that might be interested. The web link leads to grants.gov which provides additional information on the grant opportunity including a description of the grant, the eligible entities that can apply and submission deadlines. Please read them carefully to see if the opportunities apply to you.

If you would like to know about events or information about legislation, please sign up for the E-newsletter at www.thecongressionalblackcaucus.com

Grant Opportunities

DEPT OF COMMERCE

Sea Grant-NOAA Regional Team Collaboration Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93233>

DEPT OF DEFENSE

Dept. of the Army -- Corps of Engineers
Engineer Research and Development Center
REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS FOR FY 2012 LEGACY PROGRAM
FUNDING
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92753>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - Information Innovation Office
Broad Operational Language Translation (BOLT)
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85353>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - MTO - BAA0718
Primary and Secondary Calibration on Active Layer (PASCAL)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92973>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office
Defense Sciences Research and Technology
Modification 3
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=54430>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office
Autonomous Diagnostics to Enable Prevention and Therapeutics: Diagnostics on Demand i;½ Point of Care (ADEPT: DxOD -PoC)
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=78413>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office
Autonomous Diagnostics to Enable Prevention and Therapeutics: Diagnostics on Demand Limited Resource Settings (ADEPT: DxOD - LRS)
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=78433>

Grant Opportunities

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office
Chronicle of Lineage Indicative of Origins (CLIO)
Modification 3
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=79253>

Office of Naval Research
NAVAIR
STEM Grant 2011
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93353>

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
Peregrine Fund Interpretive Exhibit and Trail
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=91534>

Fish and Wildlife Service
Training Assistance
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92754>

National Park Service
Youth Engagement, Spring Break Academy
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92853>

National Park Service
Geomorphic and Vegetation Mapping in the Riparian Corridors of Canyon de Chelly National Monument Using Airborne High Resolution LiDAR and Multispectral Imagery
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92933>

National Park Service
Launch Ramp Assistance
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93013>

Bureau of Land Management
Wild Horse Partnerships for Eco Sanctuaries on Private Lands
Modification 12
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=78953>

National Park Service
2011 National History Day
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93214>

Fish and Wildlife Service
SNPLMA Habitat Restoration Research Assoc
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93253>

Fish and Wildlife Service
Training Assistance
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92754>

National Park Service
Kemp Ridley Turtle Surveys--Satellite Monitoring of Tagged Turtles
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93273>

National Park Service
Kemp's Ridley Turtle Surveys
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=57658>

Fish and Wildlife Service
Conservation, Monitoring, and Assessment of Migratory Birds
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94133>

Employment and Training Administration
H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=91173>

DEPT OF STATE

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs
English Language Fellow Program for Academic Year (AY) 2012-2013
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93293>

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Teacher Exchange Program
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93313>

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Access Teacher Development Online Program
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93333>

Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Middle East Partnership Initiative
Tunisia: Supporting a Democratic Transition
Modification 7
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=80373>
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor
Fundamental Freedoms Fund
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93473>

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Federal Highway Administration
2011 Work Zone Safety Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94373>

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FY11 Region 07 Wetland Program Development Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93554>

Grant Opportunities

FY11 Region 9 Wetland Program Development Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94294>

DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Partnership for Surveillance Collaborative
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=89853>

Administration for Children and Families
Community Economic Development (CED) Projects
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92773>

Health Resources & Services Administration
Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) National Interdisciplinary Training
Resource Center
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92793>

National Institutes of Health
Virtual Reality Technologies for Research and Education in Obesity and
Diabetes (R41/R42)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92813>

National Institutes of Health
Virtual Reality Technologies for Research and Education in Obesity and
Diabetes (R43/R44)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92814>

National Institutes of Health
Virtual Reality Technologies for Research and Education in Obesity and
Diabetes (R01)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92833>

National Institutes of Health
Virtual Reality Technologies for Research and Education in Obesity and
Diabetes (R21)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92834>

National Institutes of Health
NIDDK Short-Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons
(STEP-UP) (R25)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93133>

Food & Drug Administration
Food Protection Rapid Response Team and Program Infrastructure
Improvement Implementation Project (U18)
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93173>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (Short Title:
CABHI)
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86813>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Developing and Disseminating Targeted Immunization Materials
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93734>

Administration for Children and Families
Ethnic Community Self Help Program
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93774>

AIDS Education and Training Centers Telehealth Training Centers
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93493>

Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Payment Program
(CHGME Payment Program)
Modification 6
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93614>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Cooperative Agreement with the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=87153>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment with a Trauma
Module
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=91476>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant
Modification 4
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93873>

Office of Public Health and Science
FY11 Announcement of the Anticipated Availability of Funds for Embryo
Donation and/or Adoption Cooperative Agreement Projects
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94033>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Immunization Strengthening through Measles Control and Related
Childhood Morbidity/Mortality Reduction from Vaccine Preventable
Diseases
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94413>

Office of Public Health and Science
FY11 Eliminating Lupus Health Disparities Initiative (ELHDI)
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94233>

DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

National Institutes of Health
Short-Term Institutional Training Grant for Clinician Scientists in Pediatric
Respiratory, Sleep and Hematology/Transfusion Medicine (T35)
Grant

Grant Opportunities

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85613>

Administration on Aging
Lifespan Respite Care Program
Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85693>

Administration for Children and Families
Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants
Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85713>

Administration for Children and Families - ANA
Environmental Regulatory Enhancement
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program
Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86553>

Healthy Homes Production Program
Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86573>

Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program
Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86547>

Asthma Interventions in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing
Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86634>

Millennium Challenge Corporation
Annual Partnership Solicitation (APS): Partnerships in MCA Countries
Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=72814>

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NASA Headquarters
Early Stage Innovation NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC)
Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=75893>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Grants for Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions
Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93213>

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences: Investigator-initiated research
projects

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92993>

Networks and Regulation

Modification 8

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=58844>

Biomolecular Dynamics, Structure, and Function

Modification 7

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=58845>

Genetic Mechanisms

Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=58846>

Cellular Processes

Modification 7

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=58847>

Coupling, Energetics, and Dynamics of Atmospheric Regions

Modification 9

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=45596>

Experimental Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics

Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=46274>

Physics at the Information Frontier

Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=46280>

American Competitiveness in Chemistry-Fellowship

Modification 3

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=51654>

Macrosystems Biology

Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53618>

Expeditions in Computing

Modification 7

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=54707>

Manufacturing and Construction Machines and Equipment

Modification 9

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=56760>

Computing Education for the 21st Century

Modification 7

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=58171>

Ethics Education in Science and Engineering

Modification 4

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=59774>

Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=64133>

Education and Interdisciplinary Research

Modification 2

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86473>

Theoretical Nuclear Physics

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93874>

Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93875>

Grant Opportunities

Mathematical Physics
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93893>

Theoretical Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93894>

Gravitational Theory
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93895>

Informal Science Education
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93896>

Experimental Elementary Particle Physics
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93897>

Experimental Nuclear Physics
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93898>

Gravitational Physics
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93899>

Physics of Living Systems
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93900>

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Benin USAID-Cotonou
Accelerating the Reduction of Malaria Morbidity and Mortality Program (ARM3)
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85513>

South Africa USAID-Pretoria
NGO Strengthening through Health Service Delivery and Technical Activities

Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93033>

Brazil USAID-Brasilia
SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES PROGRAM
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93813>

Haiti USAID-Port Au Prince
Protecting the Rights of Children, Women and Youth
Modification 3
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=85394>

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Rural Youth Development
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93513>

National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Methyl Bromide Transitions
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93533>

US DEPT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
OVC FY 2011 Victim Assistance and Compensation Professional Development Fellowship Program
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93073>

Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders
Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93413>

Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Family-Based Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Program
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93454>

Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP FY 2011 State Juvenile Justice Formula and Block Grants T&TA Program
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=83673>

Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
OVC FY 2011 National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Administrators
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=93853>

Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP FY 2011 Disproportionate Minority Contact Community and Strategic Planning Project
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94335>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Guidance and Applications Kits from the Department of Homeland Security

One of the core missions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance the ability of state, territory, local, and tribal governments to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. DHS' comprehensive suite of homeland security preparedness grant programs are an important part of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness.

These programs implement objectives addressed in a series of post-9/11 laws, strategy documents, plans, and Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs).

DHS grant programs fund a wide range of preparedness activities including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and grant management and administration costs. These programs support key Administration priorities and objectives, as well as objectives outlined in the National Preparedness Guidelines and related national preparedness doctrine, such as the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework, and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. The following is a summary of the DHS grant programs which were announced on May 19, 2011.

The following pages outline greater details and background information with respect to these programs.

URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PROGRAM

Total Funding Available in FY 2011: \$662,622,100

Purpose: The UASI Program provides funding to address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Per the 9/11 Act, states are required to ensure that at least 25 percent (25%) of UASI appropriated funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

Eligible Applicants: The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for UASI funds. The 31 high risk urban areas eligible for funding under the FY 2011 UASI program are the only urban areas that may apply.

Program Awards: The 11 highest risk urban areas, designated Tier I urban areas, will be eligible for \$540,696,100. The remaining 20 high risk urban Areas, designated Tier II urban areas, will be eligible for \$121,926,000. Funds will be allocated based on DHS' risk methodology and effectiveness.

OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG)

Total Funding Available in FY 2011: \$54,890,000

Purpose: The OPSG Program provides funding to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

Eligible Applicants: The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for OPSG funds. Local units of government at the county level and federally recognized tribal governments in the states bordering Canada (including Alaska), southern states bordering Mexico, and states and territories with International water borders may apply for FY 2011 OPSG funds through their SAA.

Program Awards: FY 2011 OPSG allocations will be made competitively to designated localities within U.S. border states based on risk analysis and the anticipated feasibility and effectiveness of proposed investments by the applicants.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Guidance and Applications Kits from the Department of Homeland Security

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS) PROGRAM

Total Funding Available in FY 2011: \$34,929,932

Purpose: The MMRS Program provides funding to support the integration of emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. Successful MMRS grantees reduce the consequences of a mass casualty incident during the initial period of a response by having augmented existing local operational response systems before an incident occurs.

Eligible Applicants: The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for MMRS funds. The 124 MMRS jurisdictions eligible for funding under the FY 2011 MMRS Program are the only jurisdictions that may apply.

Program Awards: Each of the 124 MMRS jurisdictions will receive \$281,693 to establish or sustain local capabilities.

CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM (CCP)

Total Funding Available in FY 2011: \$9,980,000

Purpose: CCP provides funding to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members and organizations in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Eligible Applicants: The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for CCP funds. Recipients for the CCP include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Program Awards: FY 2011 CCP allocations will be determined using a formula, which specifies that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive a minimum of 0.75 percent (.75%) of the total available grant funding, and that four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum of 0.25 percent (.25%) of the total available grant funding. The balance of CCP funds will be distributed on a population-match basis. In addition to CCP allocations, states and urban areas are encouraged to fully leverage HSGP resources to accomplish the Citizen Corps mission.

Total Funding Available in FY 2011: \$18,962,000

Purpose: NSGP provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific FY 2011 UASI-eligible urban areas.

Eligible Applicants: The SAA is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for NSGP funds. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific FY 2011 UASI-eligible urban areas must apply for funding through their SAA.

Program Awards: FY 2011 NSGP funds will be allocated based on risk analysis, effectiveness, and integration with broader state and local preparedness efforts. Each nonprofit organization may apply through their SAA for up to a \$75,000 grant award.