

# FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

## GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB February 27, 2009

Please submit completed questionnaire to [matt.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.johnson@mail.house.gov)

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE***

### I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation

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2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

The Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS) is requesting \$250,000 for its Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation program. PHHS proposes to use electronically derived variables to create a model that measures clinical, social, and economic factors that predict patients at-risk for hospitalization, readmission or death in real-time, which would create "e-coordinated" clinical and care management interventions for the highest risk patients and serves lives while improving patient services, increasing productivity, and reducing costs.

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3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

The total requested funding amount of \$250,000 will cover the cost of one Data Analyst (\$80,000 per year for a two year contract), one Technical EPIC programmer (\$70,000 per year for a one year contract), and server technology (\$20,000). The two-year program would begin in September 2009 and end in September 2011.

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### II. BENEFIT TO THE 26<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

This project will help meet HRSA's strategic goals to increase collaborative efforts to improve the capacity and efficiency of the public health and health care systems and to accelerate the development and use of an electronic health information infrastructure. Patients will benefit from the project due to the data being used to reduce costly re-admissions while treating patients more effectively and with greater cost efficiency. Data derived from the project will be applicable to Parkland patients with specific diagnoses and disease processes. The knowledge gained from this would help other systems know how to develop real-time risk prediction systems within their electronic medical records. Although the data mining will initially be used at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, the program will be made public domain and hospitals anywhere will be able to access both the program as well as the algorithms that are created in

order to create a best practices system to improve medical treatment nation-wide. The information has virtually limitless use in other hospitals and health systems throughout the nation. In 2008, Parkland served 50,034 unique inpatients including 590 the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

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2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

Using volume statistics from Fiscal Year 2008, Parkland had 56,433 discharges representing 258,410 patient days. Additionally, the emergency room 92,384 patient visits. Based on demographic trends, these numbers will continue to increase in the upcoming years. Data derived from the project will be applicable to Parkland patients with specific diagnoses and disease processes.

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### III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$250,000

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2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Labor – HHS

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3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

HRSA - Telehealth and Health Information Technology account

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### IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total project cost: \$250,000. One grant request has been submitted to the University of Texas health system for quality improvement research and is currently pending. Additional grant submissions are planned.

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2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

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3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

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4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

With full funding for this project, PHHS will not need to seek future funds.

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5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

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6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

No.

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## V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

This project will immediately benefit patients of PHHS but also surrounding health facilities, particularly smaller regional hospitals who cannot afford to undertake such a program.

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2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No.

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3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in as great a detail as possible.

Upon receipt of funds, this program could start in September 2009 and run for two years.

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## VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

Steven Bristow, Director, Legislative Affairs

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2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

214-590-6182 (office)  
214-263-3970 (cell)

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

5201 Harry Hines Blvd  
Dallas, TX 75235

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**VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

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2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

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2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

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3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

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4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

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**PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA**

CERTIFICATION:

I, Steven Bristow, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF Parkland Health and Hospital System MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying Steven Bristow

Title of person certifying Director, Legislative Affairs

Project name as it will appear in the bill  
Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation

Legal name of entity making request  
Dallas Co. Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health & Hospital System (PHHS)

Address  
5201 Harry Hines Blvd  
Dallas, TX 75235

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Signature

Date