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Yarmuth Delivers \$233,000 for Louisville Energy Projects **Cutting edge projects for City and Zoo will save money, utilize renewable technology**

(Washington, DC) Today, Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3) presented two checks for energy efficient initiatives that will use cutting edge technology to save the city money and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. He secured the funding for both projects in the FY09 Energy & Water appropriations bill.

"For America to truly recover from our current economic slide we need to overhaul our use of energy," Congressman Yarmuth said. "These projects will help establish Louisville as being on the forefront of the move away from foreign oil and onto clean, renewable, American fuel sources."

Yarmuth presented \$190,300 to Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson for the City's Energy Efficient Lighting Project. Through this project solar powered lights in be installed at school bus stops that are dangerous for students because no electric infrastructure exists to provide lighting in the early mornings.

"This funding will allow us to bring solar-powered lights to bus stops where no electrical infrastructure exists. This will make those stops safe for children," Mayor Abramson said

The lawmaker also delivered \$142,725 to the Louisville Zoo for an Energy Conservation Initiative that will work with partners to design and implement energy conservation measures, including "green roofs" that will reduce the carbon foot print of our zoo and dramatically cut energy costs. The project will also help fund an environmental education program for the zoo's 818,000 annual visitors.

"We are grateful to Congressman Yarmuth for supporting the Louisville Zoo and our mission of bettering the bond between people and the planet," Louisville Zoo Director John Walczak said. "This green energy demonstration project will not only reduce the Zoo's carbon footprint in terms of our energy use, it will also be an engaging state-of-the-art learning tool to educate visitors about some of the most important environmental and sustainability issues of our time. Through this project, children and adults alike will be armed with creative thinking and problem solving skills to confront challenging energy times and help pave the way for more sustainable communities for future generations."

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