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In addition, the bill includes historic funding for higher education, veterans health care and the continued efforts in Afghanistan. The legislation however, does not include funding for the on going war in Iraq.

DeFazio requested funding for the following programs in Lane County that received financial support within the Omnibus legislation:

- Lane Transit District received \$14,504,000 for design, engineering and construction of the Pioneer Parkway and \$245,000 for an alternatives analysis for the third EmX Corridor
- City of Coburg received \$500,000 for sewage management
- The Lane County Meth Abatement Program received \$399,500
- Mobility International received \$500,000 for the National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange
- Springfield Public Schools received \$178,600 for school security and equipment technology and \$97,000 for the Academy of the Arts
- The University of Oregon received \$2,000,000 for brain, biology and machine applied research

The Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute received the following funding:

- \$2,500,000 to research miniature tactical energy systems
- \$3,200,000 to research safer nano-material and nano-manufacturing for the Air force
- \$2,000,000 to research safer nano-material and nano-manufacturing for the Navy