

House Armed Services Committee
Ryan, Tim(D-OH) - Community Project Funding Requests

ID	Request Project Name	Recipient Name	Request Member's Request (in thousands, \$000)
45	Youngstown Air Reserve Station Assault Strip Widening	Youngstown Air Reserve Station	\$8,700

Request ID: 45			
Project Name:	Youngstown Air Reserve Station Assault Strip Widening	Request Nature:	Community Project Funding
Member Name:	Ryan, Tim(D-OH)	Member's Request: (in thousands, \$000)	\$8,700
Justification:	Investment in the long-term success of YARS is an investment in the future of the Mahoning Valley. YARS is the largest employer in Trumbull County and the third largest in the Mahoning Valley behind Mercy Health and Youngstown State University. YARS employs over 2,000 people, with 1,440 of them reservists and active duty. Reservists come to train at the base from 25 states with 70 percent living within 70 miles of the base. The base's economic impact on the area in FY20 was \$137.3 million, up from \$115 million in FY19 and \$90 million in FY15. For FY20, that includes \$103.1 million in annual payroll to Valley residents and over \$17 million in local expenditures.		
Project Purpose:	The Youngstown Air Reserve Air Station (YARS) is home to the 910th Airlift Wing, DoD's only large-area, fixed-wing aerial spray unit. This construction project will widen the assault runway/taxiway necessary to support C-17 and C-130 aircraft. Widening the assault runway will allow it to conform to a properly designed drainage/underdrainage layer, a non-frost susceptible subgrade, and an overrun/shoulder connecting to the airfield storm water system in accordance with EPA environmental requirements and Executive Orders prioritizing environmental sustainability. The existing runway needs to be repaired and expanded to meet mission requirements. All crew members are required to complete qualifications training and mission certificate training on tactical landing zones. The runway currently has limited capabilities and is not in condition for the current or future missions. Without this project, the 910th and nearby Air Force bases in the region would be forced to travel long distances to be able to train on a landing zone capable of supporting this aircraft size. To keep the training available and within a reasonable distance, the current assault strip must be widened to support mission requirements.		
Member Website Link:	https://timryan.house.gov/services/fy-22-community-projects		
Project City or County:	Vienna	Project State:	OH
Recipient Name:	Youngstown Air Reserve Station	Recipient Mailing Address:	549 Pine Street Robins AFB, GA 31098

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June 3, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$8,700,000 for the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

The entity to receive this funding is the Air Force Reserve, located at 549 Pine Street, Robins AFB, GA 31098. The physical location of the project, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, is 3976 King Graves Road, Vienna, OH 44473.

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I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress