

## TOP CENTRAL VALLEY FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR 2021

*Harder focused on bringing home funding for health care, water, jobs, homelessness, public safety, and transportation*

### OVERVIEW:

As a new member on the powerful Appropriations Committee, and the first Central Valley Democrat to serve on the committee in almost 50 years, Harder is in a unique position to deliver funding for his community. His funding priorities fall into the following six areas:

- 1 Expanding access to affordable mental & physical health care
- 2 Combating drought and supporting agriculture by building new water infrastructure
- 3 Creating new and high paying Valley jobs
- 4 Addressing homelessness
- 5 Supporting public safety
- 6 Cutting down on Valley commute times



# FUNDING SECURED IN 2021

## Over \$1 billion in Covid Relief Funding

Funding for the Valley includes a round of \$1,400 direct stimulus checks, \$320 million for local schools, \$340 million for cities, \$29 million for rent and utilities, and \$832 million in PPP loans.



## \$8.35 million for Tracy

Tracy's International Park of Commerce received a grant of \$8.35 million to make significant infrastructure improvements. This EDA Grant will be matched with \$2.1 million in local investment and is expected to create 2,145 jobs, retain 6,734 jobs, and generate \$459 million in private investment.

## \$32 million for Migrant Head Start

The Central Valley received a \$32 million grant for the Migrant Childcare Head Start program. Much of this funding will go directly to kids in San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.



## \$400,000 for Modesto City-County Airport and Oakdale Airport



The Central Valley received new FAA grants totaling almost \$400,000 for Modesto City-County Airport and Oakdale Airport. The Modesto grant will send \$305,100 for the airport to enhance protection for their runways. The Oakdale grant will send \$91,880 allow the airport to continue its pavement management project.

## \$158,293 for SAVE Stanislaus

The Save Stanislaus COVID Intervention Program received a \$158,293 grant dedicated to providing critical and immediate help to local small businesses harmed by the pandemic. The EDA estimates that the program will save 800 jobs and leverage \$40.5 million in private investments in Stanislaus County.



Rep. Harder knows the devastating impact our underfunded, inaccessible, and overly expensive health care system has on families across the Central Valley. He's working to fund new projects to expand access to health care, especially mental health services, and address the massive doctors shortage.



## CURRENT PROJECTS



Bring 10,000 new doctors to California through his Public Service Loan Forgiveness Bill.



Improve Latino community health by doubling the size of the Promotores/Community Health Outreach Worker Program which bridges the gap between Spanish speaking and immigrant populations and the health systems in the Valley.



Expand mental health access by funding full time bilingual staff, hundreds of appointments, and a mental health outreach campaign through Turlock's First Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.



Build on the Federal Partnership Program for Community Health Centers with continued funding and support so the folks on Medi-Cal as well as the ag and migrant workers in the Valley can get the care they need.

# WATER

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The Central Valley is experiencing yet another drought and Rep. Harder is committed to fighting for short- and long-term water solutions. This year, he's building on his all-of-the-above water approach by working to secure funds for water storage, recycling, conveyance, recharge and more.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

Push the Biden Administration to include water storage in any infrastructure package signed by the president.



Continue to secure federal funds for projects such as the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project which will expand off-stream water storage up to 85,000 acre-feet, Sites Reservoir which will add over 1.8 million acre-feet of water storage to the North Central Valley, and Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion which will add 115,000 acre-feet of water capacity to the current project.



Find new funds for the Delta-Mendota Pipeline project which will quintuple the pipeline's effectiveness to the tune of more than 90,000 acre-feet per year.



Work with Republicans and Democrats to fund local water research institutes to solve water quantity and quality problems.



Make the federal government's support permanent for the Airborne Snow Observatory Program to produce up to 99% accurate snowpack readings.



Rep. Harder is committed to bringing good, high paying, jobs to the Central Valley. He's cutting red tape, securing federal investments, and working to bring public-private partnerships to fruition.



## CURRENT PROJECTS



Secure funding to help USDA and farmers identify ways to use pyrolysis technologies which convert tree nut by-products into high value products, and help effectively repurpose heat, and energy.



Help bring 2,000 new jobs to the Riverbank Industrial Complex by cutting red tape and securing green investments.



Fight for millions in federal investments for the Crows Landing Business Park.



Continue to secure COVID relief for small businesses like the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and Shuttered Venue Operator Grant.



Provide millions in funding for the Program for Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs Grant, so that small businesses can have better access to the resources they need to succeed.

# HOMELESSNESS



Rep. Harder insists that homelessness in the Valley is an emergency and needs to be treated as such. He is committed to working with local partners and law enforcement to provide the kind of wrap-around services proven to work for folks experiencing homelessness or crisis situations.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

Support the creation of a joint needs assessment program between Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced Counties that will address the significant shortage of mental health treatment beds for homeless individuals suffering from mental illness in the region and determine if a board and care facility could be established that would be shared between the three counties.



Secure federal support for the new Youth Navigation Center (YNC) in Modesto to help more than 600 in-crisis and at-risk young adults each year with everything from shelter and employment plans to educational and social work services each year.



Continue to fund Camp2Home, a pilot project that will bring a full slate of housing and employment services to the adults experiencing homelessness in Stanislaus County.



Provide more affordable housing units in one of the most underserved and underdeveloped areas in Modesto by funding Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority's Parque Rio Development, a 92-unit complex that will house 72 units for workforce housing and 22 units for seniors.



Rep. Harder believes everyone should feel safe in their community. He's working alongside law enforcement and community leaders to make the Central Valley a safer and more inviting place to live.



## CURRENT PROJECTS



Advocate for additional funding for the Central Valley's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program which provides critical coordination support to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies operating in critical drug-trafficking regions across the country. Additional funds would provide essential equipment, training, intelligence analysts, and services needed to successfully tackle drug trafficking in the Valley.



Secure funding for the City of Tracy Crime Reduction Program which will help public safety officers identify leads, solve criminal cases, and reduce crime.



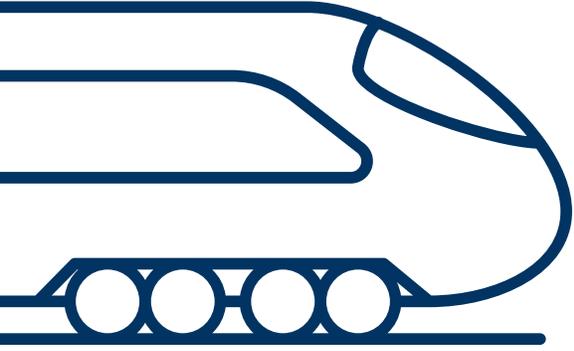
Bring more emergency resources like CARES and the American Rescue Plan so cities and towns across the Central Valley can keep their police and fire departments fully funded and able to pay their first responders.



Ensure that our law enforcement officers and firefighters have access to funding through programs like Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (Byrne-JAG) Grants, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grants, Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG), and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program to keep our communities safe.

# TRANSPORTATION

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Rep. Harder understands that every hour a worker spends stuck on the highway or transferring from bus to bus is an hour not spent with their family. That's why he's working on a range of projects from roads to bridges to rail to decrease our incredibly long commute times.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

Secure federal funds to finally complete the 7th Street Bridge project in Modesto, currently one of the most poorly rated bridges in the state.



Invest in road systems like the State Route 99/120 Connector Project and the State Route 132 West Project, which will lower travel times, get commuter and truck traffic out of neighborhoods, and make roads safer for pedestrians, bikers and motorists.



Build new and improved rail systems like Valley Link and ACE.

