



More of Congressman Al Green's Select Legislation Signed into Law

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Introduction

Some of Congressman Al Green's many accomplishments were published and printed in various newspapers on December 28, 2025 and are now available on Congressman Green's website. This additional document contains more of Congressman Al Green's accomplishments. **These documents do not contain all of Congressman Al Green's considerable accomplishments.**

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- **Texas Southern University National Transportation Security Center of Excellence – one of six schools to receive a portion of \$72 million in appropriations bill H.R.1 signed into law on August 3rd, 2007**
 - Following initial passage of H.R. 1, the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act, by the House of Representatives and Senate, **Congressman Al Green** served on the conference committee. In the conference, **Congressman Green** and House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson included an earmark in the bill establishing a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence at Texas Southern University.
 - The earmark was incorporated into the conference report filed on July 25, 2007. The House of Representatives passed the conference report on July 27, 2007, and it was signed into law on August 3, 2007.

- **Congressmen Al Green and Emanuel Cleaver Secured \$22.5 Million for Body Cameras in Omnibus**
 - H.Res.295 passed by the House in June 2015, which **Congressman Al Green** sponsored and Congressman Cleaver was an original cosponsor, included **\$22.5 million** for police body cameras.
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, more commonly referred to as the omnibus spending bill, included **\$22.5 million** for the police body cameras.

- **Amendment Establishing a Pilot Program Using Alternative Credit Information (payment of utility bills, rent, phone bills, etc..) for Borrowers with Little Traditional Credit History**
 - On May 2, 2007, **Congressman Al Green** offered amendment 12 during a markup in the Financial Services Committee.
 - The amendment established, as a pilot program, an automated process using alternative credit information for borrowers with limited traditional credit history.
 - The amendment was included in H.R. 3221, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. That Act was signed into law on July 28, 2008, creating the alternative credit scoring pilot program.

- **H.R. 3743, the Housing Assistance for Veterans Act of 2013 (HAVEN Act) signed into law on December 19, 2014**
 - On December 12, 2013, **Congressman Al Green** sponsored H.R. 3743, the HAVEN Act.
 - H.R. 3743 established a pilot program authorizing the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish a pilot program that provides grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify the homes of disabled and low-income veterans.
 - An amended version of the HAVEN Act was included in the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report.

- **2016 WRDA amendment on flood mitigation projects**

- On September 28, 2016, **Congressmen Al Green** and John Culberson offered amendments to H.R.5303, the 2016 Water Resources Development Act. The amendments would expedite Project Brays Bayou, a major flood mitigation project in Houston, and give priority to Army Corps of Engineers' flood mitigation projects in areas that have received a disaster declaration and where there has been loss of life.

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- **FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Earmarks**
 - **\$29.8 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, **Congressman Green** acquired two earmarks totaling **\$29.8 million** included in the bill that benefited the congressional district.
 - **\$11.8 million** - The first earmark was for **\$11.8 million** within the Army Corps of Engineers Construction Account for work on Brays Bayou. The Brays Bayou project included 3.7 miles of channel improvement, the construction of three flood detention basins, and 7 miles of stream diversion to the Sims Bayou Watershed.
 - **\$18 million** - The second earmark was for **\$18 million** within the Army Corps of Engineers Construction Account for work on Sims Bayou. The Sims Bayou project increased flood protection to 1 percent level and includes environmental mitigation and quality features.

- **FY 2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill Earmarks**

- **\$647,000** - In the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation and Housing Appropriations bills, **Congressman Green** acquired two earmarks totaling **\$647,000** included in the bill that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$147,000** - The first earmark was **\$147,000** for the Harris County Precinct 3 Bayland Park development and refurbishment.
 - **\$500,000** - The second earmark was **\$500,000** for the Houston METRO Advanced Transit Program/METRO Solutions Bus Expansion. This funding was used to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
 - **\$20 million** - Additionally, **Congressman Green** cosponsored an earmark totaling **\$20 million** for the North Corridor Houston Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and Southeast Corridor, TX, BRT. This New START project funding was meant for the expansion of rapid transit bus networks within Houston and the Southeast Corridor to help facilitate increased public transit.

- **FY 2008 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill Earmarks**
 - **\$3.23 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2008 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** acquired earmarks totaling **\$3.23 million** that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$2.32 million** - The first earmark was **\$2.32 million** for the Harris County, Texas, Sheriffs' Office. This funding came out of the Department of Justice's Byrne discretionary grants account, which is used to help improve the functioning of the criminal justice system with an emphasis on violent crime, drugs, and serious offenders.
 - **\$893,000** - The second earmark was **\$893,000** for the Houston Police Department Domestic Violence Enforcement Initiative. This funding also came out of the Department of Justice's Byrne discretionary grants account.
 - **\$188,000** - Additionally, **Congressman Al Green** acquired an earmark totaling **\$188,000** for the Alief ISD Safe and Drug Free Schools program. This program makes targeted investments in programs that encourage kids to avoid using illegal and dangerous substances such as drugs.

- **FY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill Earmarks**

- **\$623,000** - In the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** acquired earmarks totaling **\$623,000** into the bill that benefitted the Congressional district.
 - **\$136,000** - The first earmark was **\$136,000** for the Methodist Hospital Mass Spectrometry Facility, for equipment purchases. Mass Spectrometry is an analytical process that measures mass-to-charge ratio's, which is useful for determining the intensity of mixtures and can be used for research in reaction to chemicals.
 - **\$487,000** - The second earmark was **\$487,000** for the Harris County Hospital District Alief Health Clinic. This funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration was meant for expenses related to operation of the Alief Health Clinic, a community health center.
 - **\$656,000** - Additionally, **Congressman Al Green** cosponsored an earmark totaling **\$656,000** for Houston Independent School District's Project BRIGHT (Broadening Rewards with Incentives for Growing Houston's Teachers). This program was a teacher incentive program and the funding helped pay for it.

- **FY 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on December 26, 2007**
 - **\$20.4 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** supported an earmark totaling **\$20.4 million** included in the bill for the Sims Bayou Federal Flood Control Project. The Sims Bayou project increased flood protection to 1 percent level and includes environmental mitigation and quality features.
 - **\$33.207 million** - Additionally, **Congressman Al Green** cosponsored two earmarks totaling **\$33.207 million** that were beneficial to the Congressional District, for the ship channel.
 - **\$15.986 million** - The first earmark was **\$15.986 million** for the Houston-Galveston navigation channels project. This was funded out of the Army Corps of Engineers Construction account, which was used for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects. This project dealt with deepening and widening of the navigation channel in the port.
 - **\$17.221 million** - The second earmark was **\$17.221 million** for the operations and maintenance of the Houston Ship Channel. This funding was meant for the normal, ongoing costs of projects to ensure the ship channel is functioning properly.

- **FY 2008 Defense Appropriations Bill Earmark signed into law on November 13, 2007**
 - **\$1 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** acquired an earmark totaling **\$1 million** included in the bill for Remote Robotic Teleproctoring to Promote Rapid Surgical Skills Acquisition. This funding was used for the design and testing of a program to promote the use of robotic technology to guide surgeons and subspecialists through procedures. This has a practical impact on military hospitals since they often lack surgeons when placed in remote areas.

- **FY 2009 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill Earmark signed into law on March 11, 2009**
 - **\$15 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation and Housing Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** supported a **\$15 million** earmark for the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority Advanced Transit Program/METRO Solutions, Phase 2. Phase 2 funded light rail segments or lines, including the purchase of vehicles and construction of facilities, for six segments of rail line in and around Houston.
 - **\$285,000** - Additionally, **Congressman Al Green** cosponsored an earmark totaling **\$285,000** included in the bill for the City of Houston Sunnyside Park Redevelopment. This funding was used for the redevelopment of a landfill into recreational areas.

- **FY 2009 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on March 11, 2009**
 - **\$700,000** - In the Fiscal Year 2009 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill **Congressman Al Green** included two earmarks totaling **\$700,000** that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$300,000** - The first earmark was **\$300,000** for the Harris County Constable Precinct 7 Sex Offenders Program. Each constable maintains a detailed list of all sex offenders in their assigned precinct and the conditions of their parole or probation. This funding helps pay for costs associated with management of the sex offenders program.
 - **\$400,000** - The second earmark contained **\$400,000** for Harris County Constable Precinct 7 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. This funding helped support Harris County Law Enforcement in its effort to counter nontraditional criminal activity and regional terrorism threats.

- **FY 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on March 11, 2009**
 - **\$14.266 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2009 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** supported two earmarks totaling **\$14.266 million** that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$478,000** - The first earmark was **\$478,000** for the Houston-Galveston navigation channels project. This was funded out of the Army Corps of Engineers Construction account, which is used for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects. This project dealt with deepening and widening of the navigation channel in the port.
 - **\$13.788 million** - The second earmark was **\$13.788 million** for the operations and maintenance of the Houston Ship Channel. This funding was meant for the normal, ongoing costs of projects to ensure the ship channel is functioning properly.
 - **\$21.85 million** - Additionally, **Congressman Green** cosponsored two earmarks totaling **\$21.85 million** included in the bill that were beneficial to the Congressional District.
 - **\$2.38 million** - The first earmark was **\$2.38 million** for the University of Houston National Wind Energy Center. This funding from the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program was used to develop wind energy systems.
 - **\$19.43 million** - The second earmark was **\$19.43 million** earmark for the Sims Bayou Federal Flood Control Project. This funding was used for ongoing flood reduction efforts along Sims Bayou.

- **FY 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on March 11, 2009**

- **\$1.237 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2009 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill, **Congressman Green** acquired five earmarks totaling **\$1.237 million** into the bill that were beneficial to the Congressional district.

- **\$95,000** - The first earmark was **\$95,000** for the Houston Baptist University Nursing Skills Lab. Houston Baptist University has a strong nursing program, and this funding contributed to their Nursing Skills Lab where nurses are put through rigorous simulations and training courses.

- **\$143,000** - The second earmark was **\$143,000** for Ben Taub Hospital/Harris County Hospital District. This earmark was for facilities and equipment at the hospital.

- **\$238,000** - The third earmark was **\$238,000** for the UT Health Science Center. This funding was for facilities and equipment at the Center.

- **\$285,000** - The fourth earmark was **\$285,000** earmark for Houston Community College for a recruitment and training program for firefighters and EMTs. This was funded out of the Department of Education.

- **\$476,000** - The fifth earmark was **\$476,000** earmark for Texas Children's Hospital. This funding was for facilities and equipment at the hospital.

- **FY 2010 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on December 16, 2010**

- **\$400,000** - In the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation and Housing Appropriations bill, **Congressman Green** led and acquired an earmark totaling **\$400,000** included in the bill for the Houston Rebuilding Together Safe and Accessible Veterans Housing Project. This funding helped Rebuilding Together Houston, a nonprofit that brings together volunteers and licensed contractors to repair the homes of low-income seniors, veterans, homeowners with disabilities, and working families impacted by natural disasters. The funding was used for its efforts to help veterans.
- **\$77.92 million** - Additionally, **Congressman Green** cosponsored five earmarks totaling **\$77.92 million** that were beneficial to Houston.
 - **\$500,000** - The first earmark was **\$500,000** for the expansion of Interstate 69. This earmark was funded out of the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account.
 - **\$500,000** - The second earmark was **\$500,000** Interstate 69 Texas environmental studies. These studies are part of the planning phase of any infrastructure project and specifically review the environmental impacts of such a project. This funding helped pay for the studies.
 - **\$500,000** - The third earmark was **\$500,000** for Interstate 69 Surface Transportation Priorities. This funding is for projects and costs associated with I-69 improvements.
 - **\$1.42 million** - The fourth earmark was **\$1.42 million** for Metropolitan Transit Authority Advanced Transit Program/METRO Solutions bus expansion. This funding was used for projects that improved bus infrastructure in and around the Houston/Metro area.

- **\$75 million** - The fifth earmark was **\$75 million** for Metropolitan Transit Authority Advanced Transit Program/METRO Solutions, Phase 2. Phase 2 funded light rail segments or lines, including the purchase of vehicles and construction of facilities, for north corridor projects.

- **FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on law on October 28, 2009**
 - **\$14.557 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** cosponsored two earmarks totaling **\$14.557 million** that were beneficial to his Congressional District.
 - **\$242,000** - The first earmark was **\$242,000** for the Houston-Galveston navigation channels project. This was funded out of the Army Corps of Engineers Construction account, which is used for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects. This project dealt with deepening and widening of the navigation channel in the port.
 - **\$14.315 million** - The second earmark was **\$14.315 million** for the operations and maintenance of the Houston Ship Channel. This funding was meant for the normal, ongoing costs of projects to ensure the ship channel is functioning properly.
 - **\$22.736 million** - Additionally, **Congressman Al Green** acquired two earmarks totaling **\$22.736 million** included in the bill that were beneficial to the 9th Congressional District and Houston.

- The first earmark was **\$2 million** for the University of Houston National Wind Energy Center. This funding from the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program was used to develop wind energy systems.
 - **\$20.736 million** - The second earmark was **\$20.736 million** for the Sims Bayou Federal Flood Control Project. This funding was used for ongoing flood reduction efforts along Sims Bayou.
- **FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on December 19, 2009**
 - **\$3 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** cosponsored two earmarks totaling **\$3 million** that were beneficial to Houston.
 - **\$1 million** - The first earmark was **\$1 million** for the Center for Research on Minority Prostate Cancer Outreach Project. This funding was used for one aspect of the project, outreach to impacted communities, particularly those who have served in the military. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer mortality among men in the United States and significant ethnic disparities associated with prostate cancer and screening also persist.
 - **\$2 million** - The second earmark was **\$2 million** for the HoustonWorks USA STEM Initiative. HoustonWorks is a nonprofit that provides job seekers with a variety of workshops including job search techniques and interviewing skills and resume writing. These types of programs are beneficial for members of the armed forces who often find it a shock to transition from the military into the civilian workforce.

- **\$1 million**- Additionally, **Congressman Green** acquired an earmark totaling **\$1 million** included in the bill for the Methodist Hospital nano imaging agents' program for early disease detection. This funding was used by Methodist Hospital's Department of Nanomedicine which works to combat diseases including cancer, cardiovascular diseases and infectious diseases through innovative nanoengineering, mathematical modeling, and biomedical sciences.

- **FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on December 16, 2010**
 - **\$860,000** - In the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill **Congressman Al Green** acquired four earmarks totaling **\$860,000** in the bill that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$100,000** - The first earmark was **\$100,000** for City of Stafford, TX Emergency Operations Center Emergency Management. The funding was used for equipment purchases.
 - **\$100,000** - The second earmark was **\$100,000** for the Harris County Constable Precinct Six, Gang Identification and Enforcement Unit. This funding was used to help local law enforcement address priority crime problems through community-oriented strategies.
 - **\$250,000** - The third earmark was **\$250,000** for the Men Aspiring Leaders through Education, Inc., M.A.L.E. Reentry Program. This funding from the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs was meant to be used to help deal with priority crime problems through community-oriented strategies.

- **\$400,000** - The fourth earmark was **\$400,000** for the Houston Works Juvenile Justice Initiative. This funding was meant for the support of prevention and early intervention programs that make a difference for young people in their communities, and through research and programming that works to strengthen the juvenile justice system.
- **FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill Earmarks signed into law on December 16, 2010**
 - **\$1.050 million** - In the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill, **Congressman Al Green** acquired five earmarks totaling **\$1.050 million** into the bill that were beneficial to the Congressional district.
 - **\$100,000** - The first earmark was **\$100,000** for the Harris County Hospital District, Houston, TX for facilities and equipment for the Nurse Call Triage System. This funding was meant for facilities and equipment that was used for the 24-hour nurse triage call center that Harris County Health System operated.
 - **\$100,000** - The second earmark was **\$100,000** for Bethel's Place, Houston, TX for the Heavenly Hands community project. This funding was meant for outreach and enrollment assistance activities to low-income individuals and families that need help accessing already existing Federal, State, and Local benefit programs.
 - **\$100,000** - The third earmark was **\$100,000** for University of Texas Health Science Center for the Center for Translational Neuroinformatics. This funding was meant for facilities and equipment within this center that conducts research to prevent and treat developmental and neurodegenerative diseases including autism and Alzheimer's.

- **\$250,000** - The fourth earmark was **\$250,000** for Memorial Hermann Foundation, Houston, TX for facilities and equipment.
- **\$500,000** - The fifth earmark was \$500,000 for the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX for a comprehensive cancer control program to address the needs of minority and medically underserved.

Select Legislation

(That Congressman Al Green Cosponsored that Became Law)

- H.R.11 - Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.
 - Sponsored by Rep. George Miller
 - Senate version passed into law on January 29, 2009.
 - Prohibited sex-based wage discrimination between men and women in the same establishment and extended the statute of limitation.

- H.R.1913 - Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.
 - Sponsored by John Conyers (D-MI)
 - Passed into law on April 2, 2009.
 - Expands the 1968 United States federal hate-crime law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

- H.R.627 - Credit CARD Act of 2009.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), 111th Congress
 - Passed into law on May 22, 2009.
 - Established fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open-end consumer credit plan.

- H.R. 1016 – Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA), 111th Congress.
 - Passed into law on October 22, 2009.
 - Reformed how money was appropriated and handled for Veterans medical care.

- H.R. 3548 – Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA), 111th Congress.
 - Passed into law on November 6, 2009.
 - Gave an extra 20 weeks of unemployment benefits to workers in states with unemployment rates over 8.5 percent, and an extra 14 weeks in other states.

- H.R. 3590 – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), 111th Congress.
 - Passed into law on March 23, 2010.
 - Reformed the national health insurance system to expand and improve coverage.

- H.R. 5297 – Small Business Jobs Act of 2010.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), 111th Congress.
 - Passed into law on September 27, 2010.
 - Increased small business access to government credit.

- H.R. 3370 - Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY), 113th Congress.
 - Passed into law on March 21, 2014.
 - Reduced federal flood insurance premium rates.

- H.R. 78 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Almeda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building".

- Sponsored by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), 113th Congress.
 - Passed into law on December 16, 2014.
 - Named a post office after Mickey Leland.
- H.R. 4238 – To amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), 114th Congress.
 - Passed into law on May 20, 2016.
 - Reformed parts of the U.S. code to clarify that the definition of ‘minority’ means U.S. Citizens who are Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders, African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Alaska Natives.
- H.R. 4352 – Faster Care for Veterans Act of 2016.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA), 114th Congress.
 - Passed into law on December 16, 2016.
 - Created a pilot program for an app where Veterans could schedule and confirm appointments at VA medical facilities.
- H.R. 3759 - RAISE Family Caregivers Act.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS), 115th Congress.
 - Passed into law on January 22, 2018.
 - This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and make publicly available a National Family Caregiving Strategy that identifies recommended actions for recognizing and supporting family caregivers in a manner that reflects their diverse needs.

- H.R. 2422 – Action for Dental Health Act of 2018.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL), 115th Congress.
 - Passed into law on December 11, 2018.
 - Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants for oral health initiatives conducted by state, local, and tribal entities, including initiatives aimed at preventing dental disease and reducing barriers to dental services.

- H.R. 2938 – HAVEN Act.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA), 116th Congress.
 - Passed into law on August 23, 2019.
 - Ensures that VA benefits do not count against a Veteran filing for bankruptcy.

- H.R. 55 – Emmett Till Antilynching Act.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL), 117th Congress.
 - Passed into law on March 29, 2022.
 - This bill makes lynching a federal hate crime.

- H.R. 82 – Social Security Fairness Act of 2023.
 - Sponsored by Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA), 118th Congress.
 - Passed into law on January 5, 2025.
 - This act repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government.