

House Armed Services Committee
Jackson, Ronny(R-TX) - Community Project Funding Requests

ID	Request Project Name	Recipient Name	Request Member's Request (in thousands, \$000)
447	T-7A Ground Based Training System Facility - Sheppard Air Force Base	Sheppard Air Force Base	\$49,000

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Project Name:	T-7A Ground Based Training System Facility - Sheppard Air Force Base	Request Nature:	Community Project Funding
Member Name:	Jackson, Ronny(R-TX)	Member's Request: (in thousands, \$000)	\$49,000
Justification:	<p>The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the existing ENJJPT Squadron Operations building is technologically and structurally insufficient to accommodate the T-7A Ground-Based Training System (GBTS) or the modern pedagogical needs of students and instructors. Because the legacy facility cannot be renovated to meet the rigorous infrastructure requirements of the T-7A program, a new facility is essential to deliver the high-fidelity training necessary for 4th- and 5th-generation fighter readiness. The T-7A GBTS offers a state-of-the-art environment where pilots can master complex skills, including air-to-air and air-to-ground combat, high-G and high-angle-of-attack maneuvering, and night operations with embedded mission systems, within a safe and controlled setting. Ultimately, this facility provides a critical and cost-effective bridge between initial flight training and the advanced requirements of modern combat aviation.</p>		
Project Purpose:	<p>The Advanced Pilot Training (APT) Family of Systems (FoS) includes the T-7A Red Hawk aircraft and Ground-Based Training Systems (GBTS), which will replace the Air Force's fleet of T-38C aircraft and associated simulators. The Red Hawk program provides a full training suite, including ground-based simulators and support equipment, to prepare future fighter and bomber pilots through both live and simulated environments. The GBTS specifically features aircrew ground-egress trainers, part-task trainers, and three distinct simulator variants.</p> <p>Built on an open systems architecture, the T-7A's GBTS is designed for scalability to meet evolving USAF requirements. These simulators are critical to pilot readiness, as they interface directly with the T-7A to provide embedded and Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) training.</p> <p>Currently, the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base (SAFB) hosts the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) program, the world's only internationally manned and led pilot training mission involving 14 NATO partner countries. However, the existing Squadron Operations facility dates to the 1960s and is insufficient for the ENJJPT mission. The facility cannot be renovated to meet the technological demands of modern trainers or the requirements of students and instructors. Consequently, this funding is required to design and develop a new facility to support the arrival of the T-7A and its accompanying GBTS.</p>		
Project City or County:	Wichita Falls	Project State:	TX
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith:

I am requesting funding for the T-7A Ground Based Training System Facility in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sheppard Air Force Base, located at 1810 J Ave., Wichita Falls, TX 76311.

The funding would be used for the development of a new T-7A Ground Based Training System Facility at Sheppard Air Force Base to support the arrival of the new T-7A advanced jet trainer aircraft and its accompanying full training suite, including ground-based simulators and support equipment, to prepare future fighter and bomber pilots at the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) program through both live and simulated environments.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely,



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress

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