

**Summary for projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the FY11  
Appropriations Cycle**

**The proposed recipient:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art

**Address of the recipient:**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
1000 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10028

**The amount of the request:** \$1.5 million

**Purpose of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds:** The funding would be used for the essential replacement of cooling towers and chilled water systems that serve the Museum. Cooling towers constitute a vital component of the Metropolitan's complex of buildings, providing proper temperature and humidity for the Museum's irreplaceable art collections. Taxpayers would be interested in the preservation of a nationally landmarked building, which ranks as one of the top visitor attractions in the United States. It is estimated that one exhibit alone can result in the addition of \$60 million into the taxpayer coffers, as a result of visitor spending in the area based directly on Museum visits. The project will create 10-15 direct jobs.