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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Oscar Grant Youth Power Zone and KOO Labs Design Center and Production House in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice, located at 490 Lake Park Ave Suite 16086 Oakland CA, 94610.

The funding will be used to acquire and develop two properties – one in East Oakland and one in West Oakland – to serve as community-led economic and leadership development hubs for Black and Brown youth and young adults, local communities, and national audiences. This partnership will allow for the restorative and empowering programming by both non-profits to become a reality.

Using taxpayer funds for this project is appropriate because by partnering in their efforts to build economic and leadership development hubs at two high-needs locations, CURYJ and KOO are not only creating the physical infrastructure for economic mobility, but they are also creating a network of resources and solidarity for the most marginalized young people across Oakland.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by title 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2) of the United States code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Oakland & the World Enterprises Community Economic Development Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oakland & the World Enterprises non-profit, located at 1407 Webster Street, Suite 208.

The funding would be used to enhance a under resourced area of Oakland by connecting affordable housing and investing in a business center. The project will work to directly provide resources to local business development and engagement through the construction of a local shopping area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness will have access to transitional housing and supportive care at no cost. This is an effective use of taxpayer the project will see a significant return on investment and create opportunities for residents to shop, eat, and work in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the applicable citation(s): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Leandro Navigation Center and Permanent Supportive Housing Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Leandro, located at 835 East 14th Street San Leandro, CA 94577.

The funding would be used to provide shelter and drop in and shelter resident services for homeless or chronically under-sheltered individuals. This grant would specifically be used to acquire and renovate the site at 555 Lewelling Boulevard in San Leandro.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness will have access to transitional housing and supportive care at no cost. This is an effective use of taxpayer funds as it will ensure that all residents of San Leandro are supported in their housing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the applicable citation(s): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Perimeter Fence at Oakland Park, Children's Fairyland Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oakland Children's Fairyland, Inc., located at 699 Bellevue Avenue Oakland, CA 94610.

The funding will be used to improve the safety and rehabilitation aspects of Children's Fairyland in Oakland Park. This will involve upgrading the water and electricity systems and installing a safety fence around the property. Children's Fairyland has been a part of Oakland for the last 50 years and is an important institution for the community. These infrastructure updates will ensure that the park is safe and secure for children to continue to enjoy.

Using taxpayer funds for this project is appropriate because it will help to ensure that children can continue to have access to this public space. Additionally, it will enable Children's Fairyland to remain a local community leader and support and engage with children in a safe and secure environment for many years to come.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the applicable citation(s): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(3) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Peralta Community College District Community Policing, Enhancement, and Training Program project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Peralta Community College District which is located at 333 8th Street Oakland, California 94606.

The allocation of funds would be dedicated towards the implementation of a program aimed at enhancing public safety and community policing. The funds would facilitate the expansion of training and education, the establishment of behavioral intervention teams, and the creation of public safety models that are tailored to effectively serve the community. This initiative is expected to set a benchmark for other entities to emulate and foster a safer and more secure community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist in mental health programs and crisis intervention teams. This will assist the Peralta Community College District as well as the surrounding Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). The project is intricately linked to clauses (C), (D), and (H) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, thereby establishing a federal nexus. Its primary objective is to enhance the criminal justice system by promoting mental health and education initiatives.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Alameda Community Assessment Response & Engagement Team project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alameda, located at Alameda City Hall at 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501.

The funding would be used for to implement this alternative policing program, which combines first responders with behavioral services to ensure the City of Alameda is appropriately and safely responding to complex encounters.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aims to address community concerns about police interactions with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. It has proven successful and has been 100% supported and embraced by the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). This funding will particularly be used to provide mental health resources and assist the City of Alameda's law enforcement agencies.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Live Free USA project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Live Free USA, located at 1000 Broadway Suite #480, Oakland, CA 94607.

The funding would be used to establish and sustain programming focused on community-led disruption of cycles of violence which are committed to racial equity and reimagining public safety. This will be done through education, youth outreach, violence interruption tactics, and research.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will successfully reduce the numbers of gun related shootings and homicides while also reducing the need for law enforcement spending, particularly in Oakland.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). This funding will particularly be used for the implementation of State crisis intervention court proceedings, equitable civil court proceedings, fair representation, criminal justice, and related programs or initiatives.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Oakland Chinatown Ambassador Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Foundation, located at 388 9th Street, Suite 290, Oakland, CA 94607.

The funding would be used to expand outreach services in Oakland and surrounding communities to educate people about crime and prevention, take a community-centered approach to enhance safety in Oakland Chinatown for residents, merchants, and visitors, and provide navigational services to Asian crime victims. This project will also provide a vehicle to highlight Asian culture to non-Asians to gain empathy towards Asians.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment will help Oakland Chinatown thrive and generate additional sales tax revenue, increase property tax revenue for the Congressional district, and assist crime victims to navigate the system by providing them with translation and referral services to the appropriate non-profit public agencies

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). This funding will particularly be used to improve criminal justice, create safer systems, and educated the general public to prevent potential crime.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Cyber Security Enhancements to Public Safety Systems in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Oakland, located at One Frank Ogawa Plaza, Third Floor, Oakland, 94612.

The funding would be used for upgrading the core network for the City of Oakland's cybersecurity needs. Upgrading the core network will provide more reliable and resilient access and enable Oakland Police Department to better perform duties that depend on access to automated systems and technologies. The City of Oakland was recently subject to a Ransomware incident. The City of Oakland's network infrastructure is outdated and needs to be upgraded. This includes the City's core switching and routing infrastructure as well as edge switches in City facilities that provide connectivity into the core network.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect local citizen's cybersecurity while maintaining the functioning of local law enforcement and city government.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for East Bayshore Recycled Water Project: Oakland-Alameda Estuary Crossing Pipeline project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is East Bay Municipal Utilities District, located at 375 11th St 2nd Fl, Oakland, CA 94607.

The funding would be used for the pre-design of the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Crossing Pipeline to comply with the EBMUD Recycled Water Program. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will connect the Cities of Oakland and Alameda to provide recycled water for irrigation and industrial uses in the public and private sectors (such as green space, median irrigation, and cooling tower water). These new utility benefits will assist homeowners, businesses, and individuals across the district.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section Sec 219(f)(80) WRDA 1992 (P.L. 102-580), as amended by Sec 5158 WRDA 2007 (P.L. 110-114). This classification makes the project permissible for the Community Funded Projects process.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Merritt Water Quality Management Plan Development and Implementation - Healthy Lake project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The City of Oakland, located at One Frank Ogawa Plaza, Third Floor, Oakland, California, 94612. The funding would be used for rehabilitating and preventing a toxic algae bloom at Lake Merritt.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will advance Lake Merritt's health, engage stakeholders, educate Lake users, improve a natural resource, promote resiliency by reducing climate change impacts, recommend potential watershed input improvements, and improve the quality of service at Lake Merritt by preventing fish die-offs. The Lake is currently a public entity and gives all residents of Oakland the same opportunity to enjoy the benefits and privileges of said lake.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. This funding will particularly be used to rehabilitate water pollution in the local lake and prevent future incidences of pollution.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the 40th Street Protected Bikeway and Multimodal Improvements Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Emeryville, which is located 1333 Park Ave., Emeryville, CA 94608.

The funding would be used to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians accessing transit and cyclists traveling along the 40th-Shellmound Street corridor, improving travel times for transit vehicles, and enhancing the transit passenger area throughout the bus hub between San Pablo Avenue and Adeline Street and at bus stops west of San Pablo Avenue. The corridor-wide improvements will give residents, visitors, students, and workers a better option to travel along and to destinations on and near 40th Street. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve access to local public transportation for the entirety of the city.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for East Oakland Maintenance Facility Safety Upgrade project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, which is located at 1600 Franklin St. Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to install the hydrogen sensing technology and safety equipment at the Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) in East Oakland, which is needed to safely perform maintenance on Fuel Cell Electric Buses. The organization is a leader in delivering pollution-free public transportation. Hydrogen fuel cell electric buses, or FCEBs, which emit zero harmful pollutants and greenhouse gases into the air. AC Transit has committed to ensuring that disadvantaged East Bay communities are the first to be served by these zero emission buses, so that they can enjoy cleaner air, better health, and improved quality of life. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve access to local public transportation for the entirety of the city.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Lee".

Barbara Lee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Middle Harbor Enhancement Area Project to US Army Corps of Engineers project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bay Conservation Development Commission, located at 375 Beale St., Suite 510 San Francisco, CA 94105.

The funding requested will be utilized to build upon the previous project, which increased the depth of the Federal navigation channels of the Oakland Harbor and Port-maintained berths from -42 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to -50 feet MLLW. The purpose of this expansion was to accommodate larger shipping vessels calling on the Port. The additional funds will be allocated towards completing the eelgrass planting, repairing the public beach, sculpting the site, planting the educational marsh, and monitoring the site for adaptive management, all of which aim to promote environmental justice.

This project is an excellent use of taxpayer funds as it provides more than 180 acres of restored subtidal and intertidal habitat, which is a unique feature in the region and has the potential to become nationally recognized. Furthermore, this project is a prime example of innovative Engineering with Nature and demonstrates how port projects can contribute to the region's habitat and community development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section WRDA 99 Sec. 101 (a) (7) (P.L. 106-53), 113 Stat. 269,275. This classification makes the project permissible for the Community Funded Projects process.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Modernization of the USDA's Western Regional Research Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Regional Research Center, which is located at 800 Buchanan St, Albany, CA 94710.

The funding would be used to modernize the current regional service center while improving its capacity to operate and conduct critical research. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Western Regional Research Center has a rich history of scientific achievement and garnered multiple research accolades, including twice being named a National Historical Chemical Landmark by the American Chemical Society for pioneering research achievements. These contributions to the national scientific community make it a worthwhile organization that should be considered.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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