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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$467,533 in Community Project Funding for the Charles Drew University Safety and Security Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, located at 1731 E. 120th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059.

The funding would be used to mitigate and address security gaps on campus, improve the ability to respond to emergencies, and enhance the surveillance capacity of public safety personnel. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the university's ability to respond to security challenges, work closely with law enforcement, and protect faculty, staff, students, and the surrounding community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152) and/or 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Compton Public Works Corp Yard Rehabilitation Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Compton, located at 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the City's structurally defunct public works corp yard, which houses City equipment and resources necessary to implement basic infrastructure maintenance tasks throughout the City. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the capacity of the City to provide public works and services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Willowbrook-Culver Sewer Replacement Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Compton, located at 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

The funding would be used to replace the Willowbrook-Culver Sewer infrastructure and prevent hazardous overflows and backups. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will be used to improve the health and safety of residents by providing them with reliable sewer infrastructure to deliver water and waste in a safe manner.

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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$550,000 in Community Project Funding for the Gardena Juvenile Justice & Intervention Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gardena, located at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247.

The funding would be used to enable the Gardena Juvenile Justice & Intervention Program (GJJIP) to meet the mental health, physical health, and academic needs of youth (ages 11 - 17) both prior to and upon their initial contact with law enforcement. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable law enforcement officers, who frequently respond to low-level offenders, to divert youth away from the criminal justice system by referring them directly to appropriate community services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152) and/or 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Mas Fukai Park Renovation Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gardena, located at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247.

The funding would be used to make improvements to Mas Fukai Park, including a safe space for teens to gather, a newly reimagined play lot, pickleball courts, and a new marquee sign to update residents on current city happenings. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improved park will offer additional recreation opportunities for residents of all ages, the improved play lot will ensure a safe area for young children to play, and the teen center will offer a safe and inviting location for the City's adolescents to gather, make connections, and participate in various activities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,076,881 in Community Project Funding for the Gonzaque Village AC & Computer Lab Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), located at 2600 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

The funding would be used to improve living conditions for residents of the Gonzaque Village facility by installing air conditioning units in living areas and cooling ceiling fans in bedrooms and renovating the computer lab into a state-of-the-art facility. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect low-income public housing residents from the effects of rising temperatures and worsening heatwaves, improve their quality of life, and provide advanced tools for digital navigation and literacy, thereby integrating residents into the digital age.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,241,757 in Community Project Funding for the Imperial Courts AC & Computer Lab Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), located at 2600 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

The funding would be used to improve living conditions for residents of the Imperial Courts facility by installing air conditioning units in living areas and cooling ceiling fans in bedrooms and renovating the computer lab into a state-of-the-art facility. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect low-income public housing residents from the effects of rising temperatures and worsening heatwaves, improve their quality of life, and provide advanced tools for digital navigation and literacy, thereby integrating residents into the digital age.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$6,400,000 in Community Project Funding for the Nickerson Gardens AC Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), located at 2600 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

The funding would be used by HACLA to improve the living conditions for residents of the Nickerson Gardens facility through the installation of air conditioning units in living areas and cooling ceiling fans in bedrooms. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect low-income public housing residents from the effects of rising temperatures and worsening heatwaves and improve their quality of life.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$8,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Hawthorne Senior Center Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hawthorne, located at 4455 W 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

The funding would be used to renovate and expand the existing City of Hawthorne Senior Center in order to offer more programs and services to the community. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable the City to offer a greater variety of classes, activities, programs, and services for seniors, families, and residents of all ages.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the INSB Interoperability Upgrade Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Interoperability Network of the South Bay, located at 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance CA 90503.

The funding would be used to enable the Interoperability Network of the South Bay (INSB) – which includes the cities of El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance – to replace key portions of its 7-city public safety regional radio system to add Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) technology and connectivity systems, effectively doubling the mission critical radio operating capacity of its owned and operated 6-cell radio system. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve operating capacity, reliability, and service in the South Bay region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152) and/or 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Algin Sutton Restroom Replacement Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, located at 221 N Figueroa St., 3rd Floor, Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The funding would be used to replace the outdated restroom building at the Algin Sutton Recreation Center with a modern ADA accessible restroom building. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enable the City of Los Angeles to provide a modern, high-quality, restroom facility for park users, visitors, and guests, which would enhance the public's use and enjoyment of this important park facility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,200,000 in Community Project Funding for the Link Willowbrook and King Medical Center Shuttle Zero Emission Bus Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, located at 900 S Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803.

The funding would be used to replace five (5) propane transit vehicles with Zero Emission Battery Electric Buses (ZEB) for The Link Willowbrook and King Medical Center Shuttle transit services, which provide service to the unincorporated Los Angeles County communities of Willowbrook. The ZEBs will provide more reliable and higher quality service for disadvantaged communities in the impacted area while improving air quality. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve transit availability, reliability, and air quality.

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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$963,000 in Community Project Funding for the LAXPD Vehicle Fleet, Upgrades, & Equipment Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles International Airport Police Department (LAXPD), located at 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

The funding would be used to upgrade the LAXPD vehicle fleet and equipment and ensure the safety and security of LAX, which is the largest and busiest airport on the West Coast of the United States and the 6th busiest passenger airport in the world. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance the ability of LAXPD to protect the safety and security of the physical structures, passengers, commerce, and thousands of people who work and pass through LAX daily.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152) and/or 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Downtown Torrance – Affordable Housing and Parking Structure Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Torrance, located at 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503.

The funding would be used to construct an affordable housing project in the Downtown Torrance area along with providing additional parking for both the project and the area. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will offer low- and moderate-income individuals and families access to safe, quality housing options in a prime location, and it holds the promise of stimulating commerce and private investment in Downtown Torrance, thereby revitalizing the local economy and creating a more resilient urban landscape.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Torrance DOJ Collaborative Reform Training Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Torrance Police Department, located at 3300 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503.

The funding would be used to enable the Torrance Police Department to invest in specialized training that addresses areas of bias, use of force, and officer conduct and has the potential to equip officers with the necessary skills to improve public safety outcomes and foster community trust. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that department personnel are adequately prepared to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152) and/or 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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