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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the following projects in fiscal year 2022:

• Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)

- o Location: Delray Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$1,000,000
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will be used to purchase a building to create a sustainable home for AVDA's outreach and administrative offices, expand outreach and prevention programming to a broader part of the community, and increase accessibility to domestic abuse survivors.

Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County

- o Location: Delray Beach, Wellington, and Northwood, FL
- o Amount: \$511,886
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will expand the Boys and Girls Club's College and Work Readiness Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming for minority, low-income youth to help lift them out of generational poverty by preparing them to be an integral part of a skilled labor force throughout Palm Beach County.

• Caridad Center

- o Location: 8645 W. Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$1,136,206
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will provide for important infrastructure upgrades and the purchase of medical equipment to allow Caridad Center to continue providing vital medical services to thousands of poor and uninsured families every year throughout Palm Beach County.

• Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County

- o Location: 2300 High Ridge Road #115, Boynton Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$125,000
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will support early learning program stabilization essential to families returning to work and school and continuity of care for tens of thousands of children throughout the county. It will support a parent-to-teacher workforce pipeline project to help parents looking to return to work and fill the staffing gap currently felt by early learning programs as a result of the pandemic's impact on the industry.

• Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service

- o Location: 5841 Corporate Way, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$327,066
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will help meet the growing mental health needs in our community and allow for the implementation of a new Electronic Health Record system that will provide the technological support needed to expand services further into the community.

• Pace Center for Girls

- o Location: 1640 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, FL
- o Amount: \$500,000
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will provide educational tools and upgrades to the Pace Center to continue serving over 100 at-risk girls annually through the Academic and Counseling Day Program and Reach Therapy Program. Proposed enhancements include upgraded classrooms, technologies, instructional tools, computer lab, counseling spaces, and common areas for girls.

• Palm Beach County

- o Location: West Palm Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$1,000,000
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will help provide medical respite and acute and post-acute recuperative care for people experiencing homelessness when they are not ill enough to remain in a hospital but too ill to recover on the streets. This service would dramatically decrease the cost of care for homeless patients (including those with HIV) and would improve health outcomes for Medicaid/Medicare patients.

• Palm Beach State College

- o Location: 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, FL
- o Amount: \$691,936
- Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This
 funding will help expand the clinical laboratory to provide Respiratory Care
 students with better training opportunities through medical simulations to prepare

them for the future workforce. Upon completion of the Associate in Science degree of Respiratory Care program, the graduates obtain their Registered Respiratory Therapists license.

• The Lord's Place

- o Location: 2802 North Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$988,900
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will renovate elements of the Family Campus with apartments, community center, and a youth center that is called home by 120 (including 75 children) people at any given time. Since 1983, The Lord's Place has assisted thousands of families experiencing homelessness and that challenge has only grown due to the impact of the pandemic.

• United Way of Palm Beach County

- o Location: 477 South Rosemary Avenue, Suite 230, West Palm Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$500,000
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This funding will jumpstart the MISSION UNITED veterans program to help with affordable housing support, employment services, education, legal assistance, health care, and other services. This initiative would serve those who have served and sacrificed for our country through their military service by collaborating with veteran nonprofit agencies providing direct services to the almost 100,000 veterans and families in Palm Beach County.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in any of these projects.

Sincerely,

Lois Frankel

Member of Congress

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