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RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 0635

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS BY UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE LOIS FRANKEL FOR THE FY 2023 BUDGET YEAR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The practice of member directed funding requests, formerly known as earmarks, in 2021 occurred for the first time in over a decade in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress were asked to propose direct FY 2023 federal funding for up to fifteen programs for projects located in their district; and

WHEREAS, Members must provide documented evidence demonstrating community support and need for each proposed project; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel put out a call to local governments and non-profit organizations in the area for project requests and received over 70 applications; and

WHEREAS, The final selections were made after a period of vetting and site visits while taking into consideration impact, sustainability, and alternative avenues for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Rep. Frankel has submitted fifteen projects, totaling \$ 31,699,024 for consideration in the FY 2023 Federal Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, The selected projects deliver important community services in the areas of supporting caregiving youth, the arts, healthcare, education, housing, public safety and financial independence; and

WHEREAS, The sponsoring non-profit organizations have longstanding ties within the community and proven to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners concurs that these projects are reputable and worthy of receiving federal funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners supports the submission of the following fifteen community project funding requests by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel for consideration in the FY 23 Federal Appropriations Act:

- **American Association of Caregiving Youth** \$481,000 to expand their existing mental health, academic, and other services for youth caregivers to 20 new public middle and high schools;

- **City of Boynton Beach** \$1,024,849 to replace a 35-year-old 32-ft. self-supporting radio tower and control sheds at 551 NW 15th Avenue;
- **Caridad Center, Inc.** \$5,200,000 will be used to roughly double the Caridad Center's capacity over the next five years to accommodate the increased need for mental health, social services, health education, and renovate the existing 11,000 sq. ft. space;
- **City of Delray Beach** \$3,500,000 to improve the city's water systems to properly clean and disinfect water for the nearly 70,000 residents;
- **Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children' Services** \$700,000 to cover the buildout of a mixed-use space that will allow the organization to expand their mental health, counseling, mentoring, food assistance, and volunteer programs to help those in need throughout Palm Beach County;
- **City of Greenacres** \$2,000,000 to expand their existing youth programming by adding infrastructure, increasing staff, purchasing new technology, creating additional curriculum, and providing skills training to students;
- **Health Care District of Palm Beach County** \$1,655,000 to expand existing Falls Awareness for Older Adults' Program by focusing on evidence-based falls prevention and outreach, creating helpful videos, training volunteer instructors, and providing core-balance classes at key public spaces;
- **Lake Worth Beach Community Redevelopment Agency** \$2,500,000 to acquire properties, rehabilitate 50 properties for affordable rents, rehabilitate 20 properties for new homebuyers, provide subsidies and assistance for at least 40 households, as well as provide counseling and support;
- **Town of Lantana** \$1,200,000 to be used for engineering design, bidding assistance, construction management, and inspection services to replace asbestos cement water mains throughout the town;
- **Norton Museum of Art** \$2,000,000 to be used for renovations and enhancements throughout the museum, including refurbishing the original rooftop, purchasing a new generator, air handlers, and dehumidifiers, and improving parking lot security, which will benefit the museum's safety and energy efficiency;
- **Palm Beach State College** \$1,821,700 to be used to train faculty and students in Artificial Intelligence and other technologies to help with workforce development and train students for next generation careers;
- **Promise Fund of Florida** \$951,500 to be used to acquire mammography, ultrasound, and cervical equipment resources to expand the clinic's breast and cervical screening and cancer program;
- **Vita Nova Inc.** \$3,000,000 to be used to construct affordable housing, high tech broadband, and a business center with computer access for youth ages 18-25, a population without access to affordable housing or livable wages, to ensure they do not fall back into homelessness;
- **Wayside House** \$4,850,000 to be used for building improvements and additions that will accommodate hundreds of additional individuals who are seeking addiction recovery services;
- **City of West Palm Beach** \$814,975 to be used to purchase a secure mobile radio site needed to deliver continuous and reliable public safety services and communication coverage for the city, especially helpful during hurricanes and large-scale events;

and

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to U.S. Rep. Frankel and the members of the Palm Beach County Federal Legislative Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Kerner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weiss , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


ROBERT S. WEINROTH, Mayor	- Aye
GREGG K. WEISS, Vice Mayor	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MARIA MARINO	- Absent
COMMISSIONER DAVE KERNER	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MELISSA MCKINLAY	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MACK BERNARD	- Aye

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on this 12th day of July, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: 
Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

BY: 
Deputy Clerk

