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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 would 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 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, Inc.

- o Location: 8645 W. Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach, FL
- o Amount: \$1,136,206
- 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. Caridad Center provides vital medical services to over 5,000
 poor and uninsured families every year in Palm Beach County.

• Jewish Family and Children's Service of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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 grant will assist Alpert JFS to meet the growing mental health needs and allow them to implement a new Electronic Health Record system that will provide the technological support needed to expand the reach of our 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 project will provide educational tools and upgrades to the Pace Center. Pace Palm Beach serves over 100 at-risk girls annually through its Academic and Counseling Day Program and Reach Therapy Program. Proposed enhancements are intended to upgrade and improve conditions within the facility including the classrooms, computer lab, counseling spaces, and common areas for girls. Upgrades would include facility and classroom technology, as well as instructional and educational tools for experiential learning.

• 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 program would provide medical respite acute and post-acute 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 services 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
- O Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This project will expand the clinical laboratory to provide access to the Respiratory Care students with their faculty members to train on medical simulation to prepare as they enter the 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
- Purpose of funding and why it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars: This
 funding would renovate elements of the Family Campus, located in West Palm
 Beach. The campus has 40 apartments, a community center and a youth center
 and is called home by 120 (including 75 children) people at any given time. Open

since 1983, The Lord's Place has assisted thousands of families experiencing homelessness.

• 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 would jumpstart the MISSION UNITED veterans program. 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. Examples of services include connecting them to affordable housing support, employment services, education, legal assistance, health care and other resources with a single-entry point.

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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