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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Northern Manhattan Crime Prevention for Community Safety Project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **New York City Police Department located at 375 Pearl Street, 15th Floor, Suite 2 New York, N.Y. 10038**.

The funding would be used for the purchase and installation of video surveillance cameras in public spaces in high-crime areas within Patrol Borough Manhattan North (PBMN) to heighten security and improve NYPD situational awareness. These security enhancements are necessary to help combat the recent spike in crimes within PBMN. In addition, the NYPD will create a Crime Prevention Task Force that will facilitate training courses and seminars to support small businesses, such as the Bodega Association, 181St Business Improvement District, the Inwood Merchant Association, Harlem Chamber of Commerce, Fredrick Douglass Alliance, Yemeni American Merchants Association, etc. The NYPD will also provide and distribute crime prevention literature to small businesses and the public at large. The Strategic Plan reflects the New York City Police Commissioner's continued mission to fight crime and improve the quality of life of all New Yorkers while working in partnership with 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)

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

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Youth Crime Prevention Project – The Neighborhood Coordination School Initiative (NCSI)** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **New York City Police Foundation located at 555 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017.**

The funding would be used to support the operation of a youth crime prevention project, coined the Neighborhood Coordination School Initiative, which includes the recruitment and training of mentors, and the development of educational and training materials for both mentors and mentees. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it promotes public safety and discourages at-risk youth from criminal activity. The program consists of two main components. The first is mentorship. Specifically chosen New York City Police Officers act as round the clock mentors for participants. These mentors help them to navigate the difficult areas of life and are there to help them face problems that arise or issues they may be struggling with. These Police Officers also act as the coaches of a competitive flag football team made up of program participants. The second component is tutoring from the New York City Department of Education. The program is structured around a curriculum that addresses a range of topics relevant to youth development and crime prevention, such as decision-making, conflict resolution, communication skills, and goal setting.

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)

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for **River East Public School 37 Project Playground** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **River East Elementary School (P.S. 37) located at 1854 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10031.**

The funding would be used to transform an area already designated into a playground. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides a safe space for students to play in and encourages physical and recreational activity for students. This funding would have a daily direct impact on over 700 students in the school building.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for **St. Luke AME Center for Peace and Social Justice** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **St. Luke AME Development Corporation, located at 1854 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10031**.

The funding would be used to renovate a historic police precinct to create a community center for peace and social justice. This project would provide funding for a co-working space for community organizations, and innovation labs for art and activism. Further, this funding will support interior renovations for the four-story building and exterior upgrades. The center for peace and justice will provide educational opportunities for community members through civic engagement and cultural education. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the renovated facility will provide community care through access to resources and social good. This historic building's renovation will leave a lasting impact on the community.

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

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for **P.S. 28 Soccer Court Transformation** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **P.S. 28 Wright Brothers School located at 475 West 155 Street, New York, NY, 10032.**

The funding would be used to create a turf soccer field over an existing handball court behind The Wright Brothers School located at 475 West 155 Street. This field would replace a handball court that is not used and create a high interest soccer field that many children in the community would be able to access and use. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide recreational space and opportunity for at least four schools in the area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **STAR OAC Renovations** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Washington Heights Community Services, Inc. located at 650 West 187th Street, New York NY 10033.**

The funding would be used to renovate an Older Adult Center that has provided recreational and educational services for the elderly population for nearly 50 years. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the main entrance needs to be rebuilt for ADA compliance. Furthermore, the project will reconstruct the case management offices and eliminate architectural barriers causing access challenges to administrative offices.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Union Settlement East River Community House Renovation Project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Union Settlement Association, Inc., located at 237 East 104th Street, New York, NY 10029.**

The funding would be used to renovate the East River Community Houses at 402 East 105th Street, New York, NY, a space that is currently unused because of its disrepair. The purpose of the capital project is to renovate the space so that it is outfitted and safe to be used as an Older Adult Center for the underserved Older Adults (60+) of East Harlem.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it upgrades a currently unused space and offers Older Adults a safe community space in which they will enjoy and benefit from congregate meals, health and wellness activities (e.g., fitness, nutrition), case /care management and educational and recreational activities – all of which will improve their quality of life offset the isolation that plagues so many of the older adults in the United States. The community space and its broad range of support allows older adults to age in place, saving taxpayers many millions of dollars in often preventable hospitalizations and dramatic nursing costs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **R.A.I.N. Inwood & Tolentine Community Project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Regional Aid for Interim Needs, Inc., located at 811 Morris Park Ave, Bronx, NY 10462.**

The funding would be used for the enhancement and major renovations to existing bathrooms for ADA compliance, as well as to replace all existing light fixtures with energy-efficient commercial lighting at the older adult center. Major upgrades to the security system and renovation of kitchen spaces are a component of this reconstruction project. In addition, the project includes renovating floors, ceilings, walls, office space construction, and modifications to heating and ventilation units (HVAC).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase overall safety of the older adult center and remove architectural barriers for the frail and mobility impaired. Funding will be used to renovate the public space utilized by the seniors. This project will increase access to services that support low income and food insecure immigrant communities of color.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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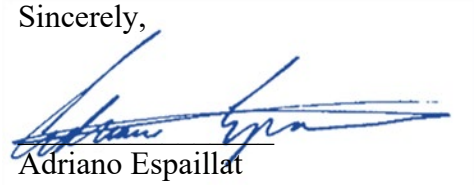

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **acquisition of 222-226 W145th Street & 673 St. Nicholas Ave**. in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Broadway Housing Communities, Inc. , located at 583 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10032.**

The funding would be used to acquire 222-226 W 145th Street, New York, NY 10039 and 673 St. Nicholas Ave., New York, NY 10031. The sites are currently underdeveloped and do not serve the needs of the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide affordable housing to the community by converting limited use or disused commercial properties into mixed-use affordable housing projects. It is anticipated the project's blend of affordable and supportive housing targeted at young adults, seniors, and families will address multiple demographics which have been historically disproportionately affected by rising and unaffordable rents, inflation, gentrification, as well as the continued economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Bronx Community College Automotive Technology Degree Program** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Bronx Community College Foundation Inc. located at 2155 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453.**

The funding would be used for the re-occupancy of a 6,000-square-foot facility to open a Automotive Technology classroom and garage, which provides over 5,000 square feet of instructional space. This project will replace the Guggenheim Hall lower roof and drains covering over the Garage and adjacent classroom, brick parapet walls with concrete coping, re-point of all exterior brick walls, provide new interior doors, install a new exterior automatic overhead garage door with new steel lintel, provide a new HVAC system upgrade and exhaust, install new and energy efficient interior lighting, and new interior and exterior finishes. The completed project will create a safer and more energy-efficient environment and enhance the existing garage equipment and adjacent classroom use.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it the Automotive Technology associate in applied science (AAS) program is the only one of its kind in the City University of New York, prepares students for careers as automotive technicians, a national in-demand career.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for **3101 Kingsbridge Terrace Facade and Roof Renovation** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) located at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace Bronx, NY 10463**.

The funding would be used for the renovation of this landmarked two-story facade, and upper and lower roofs which suffer from deteriorated mortar joints and damaged flashing allowing water to pour into the building's interior. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because with few other providers in the area offering the breadth and depth of social and educational services KHCC does, the survival of the organization is critical to helping low- and moderate-income individuals residing in the Bronx, upper Manhattan, and Westchester achieve upward economic mobility. KHCC provides resources to empower Bronx residents from cradle to career to advance education and well-being for a vibrant community. They achieve this in an environment that fosters academic milestones, literacy, nutrition, technology, and the arts. The roof repair project is essential to the survival of KHCC's historic building, and necessary to create a safe, healthy, professional environment that the families served deserve. The current state of the building is a distraction from learning, demoralizing, and unsafe.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Renovation of New York Urban League Headquarters** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **New York Urban League**, located at 204 W. 136th Street, New York, NY 10030.

The funding would be used to remodel the New York Urban League (NYUL) headquarters in Harlem (three attached brownstones that the agency has owned for over 90 years) to provide a dedicated space to operate educational and workplace programs and services in New York City.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the space will hold the operations of NYUL and creative space for Black nonprofits and business enterprises. The building will serve as a shared workspace where groups can access affordable office space. One floor will be dedicated to nonprofit space and innovation, and another floor for small businesses and social enterprises. Specific outcomes for the center include creating new jobs, developing new non-profits and small businesses or initiatives, and connecting these entities with financial or other resources. This new design will improve accessibility significantly. The Project will include an ADA-accessible entrance, 3 ADA-compliant bathrooms, ADA accessibility to the backyard, and install an elevator for access to all 5 floors, including a partially enclosed roof level.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I request funding for the **Fort Washington Park Maintenance and Operations Building Renovation** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **New York City Department of Parks and Recreation** located at 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029.

The funding would be used for the remediation and stabilization of the historic former rail engine repair building located at 338 Dyckman Street in Fort Washington Park. This historic art deco facility remains unfinished and yet currently serves as staff deployment space, training room, secure tool and equipment facility and lockers for the maintenance and operations of 450 acres of parkland that comprise Manhattan Parks District 12.

These funds would be used for priority structural repairs that would include abatement, exterior envelope work, and interior upgrades. Given that 21.4% of the community's residents live on incomes below the federal poverty threshold, with 30.7% of those people being under the age of 18, well-maintained park and recreation facilities are critical as they provide for recreation, family gathering space and respite needs. This project is also a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help restore a historic building to be fully functioning and because it has the potential for further activation of the space for public benefit.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for **the Kingsbridge Armory** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **New York City Department of Small Business Services**, located at One Liberty Plaza, 11th floor, New York, NY 10006.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the Kingsbridge Armory to function as a pivotal community and business center for Kingsbridge Heights, the Bronx, and the greater New York area. These funds would ensure the space is waterproof, free of hazardous materials, structurally reinforced, and, as to be identified through the community engagement process, supportive of community and institutional spaces.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the rehabilitation of the Armory would create hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs for Bronxites, provide much-needed educational and recreational spaces, and create a destination for not just Bronxites and New York City residents but also New Yorkers from the region. These upgrades will facilitate a historical landmark's preservation while meeting the contemporary and future needs of the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Rehabilitation of the Historic Alumni House as a Skills-based Workforce Development Community Center** for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Foundation for City College**, located at 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of its "Alumni House" and its repurposing to a community center focusing on skills-based workforce development. Funds will be used for the renovation of the interior, installation of new egress as required by the Department of Buildings, installation of a new ADA-compliant elevator, retrofitting of lights, a purchasing of furniture. Funds will also cover architectural costs, project management costs, permits, and legal support in consultation with the local community preservation board, given that this is a historic building.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it can potentially increase the local workforce hiring pool for employers, enabling them to scale up operations and create even more jobs. Furthermore, given that Harlem is a neighborhood with historic architecture, the proposed project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it constitutes a form of historic preservation. Funding will restore the culturally significant "Alumni House" that has been left to decay for over four decades and make it an integral part of the Harlem community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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