

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4322

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

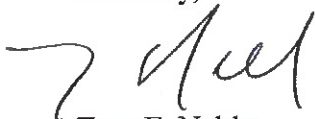
I am requesting \$150,000 in funding for enhancing the Child Advocates of Ft. Bend County, TX programming in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Child Advocates of Ft. Bend, located at 5403 Avenue N, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

The funding would be used for supporting children who have been abused and neglected to receive the services they need to recover. Specifically, the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of three important reasons:

1. **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates): Response**
 - Partial salaries for two staff members as Advocacy Specialists assigned to foster children to supervise CASA Volunteer Advocates
 - Recruiting and onboarding costs (funding towards partial salary for HR Generalist, laptop, phone)
 - Training costs (funding towards partial salary for Training Coordinator)
2. **CAC (Children's Advocacy Center): Identification and Treatment**
 - Partial salaries for Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinators who serve as Intake Specialists and review all the reports of child abuse.
 - Currently there are only 3 on staff, but they are not fully funded.
 - Partial salaries to hire 3 additional Therapists/Mental Health professionals to provide trauma treatment to children who have been sexually abused. Child Advocates currently have 4 on staff and need to add 3 additional to get children off waitlist and handle the influx.
3. **CE (Community Engagement)**
 - Partial salary for Outreach Coordinator who goes into schools, faith community, youth organizations, etc. with safety messaging and prevention tools.
 - Printing of safety information/flyers and materials to handout to children at presentations and community events
 - Social media campaign costs for social media content and strategic postings.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Public Law No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 125. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress