

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Atlanta Safety and Justice Accelerator in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Center for Civic Innovation, located at 460 Edgewood Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. The funding would be used for is a multi-month training program for leaders of community violence intervention programs (CVIP), and hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIP) that address community violence in Atlanta. The goals of the program are to build a clear model for their intervention, evaluate and measure the effectiveness of their interventions, advocate to key government officials and institutions and, fundraise for their growth and sustainability.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because small CVIPs and HVIPs are a major source of effective youth violence intervention services, yet historically they have been underfunded and lack the organizational resources and support needed to meet the current needs of their communities or expand to address increases in violence or emerging issues. The Safety and Justice Accelerator will provide training and technical assistance to strengthen management, fiscal, and evaluation systems, as well as improve the quality of care provided by training providers in trauma-informed care, restorative justice, healing circles, anti-racist care, and more.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress