

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 Fulton County Back on Track Campus in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fulton County Government, located at 141 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. The funding would be used to renovate an existing facility to serve as the new Fulton County Back on Track Campus. This space will provide community-based intervention services for qualifying nonviolent offenders and individuals who have experienced involvement with the justice system but are working toward a better life. The campus will house Fulton County's Accountability Courts, and Pretrial Diversion services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Accountability Courts and jail diversion programs drastically improve outcomes for participants. By preventing incarceration, programs such as accountability courts allow residents to keep families and employment intact and prevent the expense of incarceration. They also preserve the fabric of communities by providing a model in which incarceration is prevented by addressing underlying addiction or mental health issues. By creating a dedicated space for Accountability Courts, the Back on Track Campus will create substantial economic and community benefits for Fulton County.

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

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