

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bronx District Attorney's Office's Justice Innovation for Bronx Youth (JIBY) in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The City of New York - The Bronx District Attorney's Office, located at 198 E. 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451.

The funding would be used to support high-risk youth, through meaningful and holistic programming. The young adults that will be served are charged with serious or violent offenses, and many existing youth programs will not accept them for services. JIBY partner providers are to include mental health and substance abuse professionals, credible messenger services, and spiritual guidance and life coach mentors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in proven youth intervention programs reduces long-term costs to criminal justice and corrections systems while delivering lasting public safety benefits to one of New York City's most underserved communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress

