

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3215**

March 18, 2026

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 Crime Prevention Through Workforce Development in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Police Athletic League, located at 34 1/2 E. 12th Street, New York, NY 10003.

The funding would be used to support the Police Athletic League's career pathway workforce development program at PAL's Webster Center in the Fordham/Tremont community of the Bronx, connecting at least 250 teenagers with mentorship, career awareness training, and civil service preparation in partnership with the NYPD's 46th Precinct and NYC Emergency Management Services. The program's purpose is to prepare at-risk youth for careers in law enforcement, emergency management, and public safety while strengthening trust between young people and the officers who serve their community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it diverts at-risk youth away from criminal activity while building a pipeline of future public safety professionals from the communities they will serve.

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

