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May 8, 2024


Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community for Health, Wellness, and Innovation program. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dillard University located at 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, Louisiana. The funding would be used to establish a new Master's in Mental Health Counseling program to increase trained workforce and fund community-based health education and preventative wellness initiatives led by Dillard University to accomplish an overall goal of treating people experiencing mental health issues outside of the criminal justice system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist in lowering violent crime rates and expand its crisis intervention workforce programs. Graduates from this program will be able to better assist people in crisis, and free up LEOs to pursue more serious violent crimes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

  
Troy A. Carter, Sr.  
Member of Congress