

April 29th, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Workforce Development for Low-Income and Justice-Involved Residents Project** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding is Bangladeshi American Community Development and Youth Services (BACDYS), located at 1101-B Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. The funding would be used to provide holistic workforce development and intervention services focused on skills training, certification, work readiness, employment exploration, and supportive services that enhance the employability of low-income residents who are most likely to become justice involved or have higher rates of recidivism in the community.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help prevent crime by creating economic advancement opportunities for low-income and at-risk New Yorkers. The program would encourage individuals to become entrepreneurs, to fill in-demand job positions and to contribute to the tax base while diverting justice involvement.

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



Nydia M. Velázquez

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NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Life is Precious™ Suicide Prevention Program for At-Risk Teens** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Comunilife, Inc., located at 462 7th Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10018. The funding would be used to provide suicide prevention activities, mental health services, and education for at-risk teens and their families in Brooklyn, NY. Activities include academic assistance, licensed creative art therapy, and family therapy.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide at-risk teens with the help they need to overcome self-injurious behavior that can result in limited social and educational opportunity. With adequate support from federal funding, Life is Precious™ will help reduce the teens' likelihood of harming themselves or others and facilitate their integration into the community.

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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Block Watchers Program & Safety Initiative** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Ozone Park Residents Block Association-Ozpkriba Inc., located at 86-11 95th Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416. The funding would be used to conduct various activities that will enhance safety in the community. Such activities include holding seminars for at least 300 residents on becoming influential block watchers with the responsibility of identifying and reporting criminal activity, and coordinating NYPD-sponsored seminars to the community on how to work with the police and help reduce crime.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help more residents engage in the surveillance and protection of their communities. This will help expand the reach and impact of police work. The Block Watcher Program will be a unique tool to reduce unlawful activities and other incidents that erode quality of life.

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

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Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Western Queens Stormwater Environmental Infrastructure (EI) Blissville/Long Island City, Queens, NY** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**, located at 26 Federal Plaza, Room 17-411, New York, NY 10278. The funding would be used to manage storm water runoff and area flooding adjacent to Newtown Creek from Blissville to Long Island City, Queens. The project will utilizing environmental infrastructure to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater and subsurface drainage water inundating the combined sewers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will capture and slowly release stormwater runoff, which reduces the intensity and frequency of flooding and protects property and infrastructure damage. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section Sec. 1304. Environmental Infrastructure of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024

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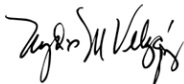
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Street End Improvements in Easter Greenpoint** in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NY District** located at 26 Federal Plaza, Room 17-411 New York, NY 10278. The funding for this project would help rebuild the street ends at the Newtown Creek shoreline with the incorporation of environmental infrastructure. Environmental infrastructure will address the excess runoff entering Newtown Creek from Street ends and directly improve water quality by reducing the load of sediment, pathogens, and other contaminants entering the waterway. This street end is the closest access point to the waterway for the residential section of Eastern Greenpoint, a historically working-class neighborhood that has long suffered from major environmental hazards, including the Greenpoint Oil Spill and Meeker Avenue Plume. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the environmental infrastructure is designed to reduce excess runoff that carries sediment, pathogens, and other contaminants into Newtown Creek. By mitigating this runoff, the project directly improves water quality, which benefits not only the aquatic ecosystem but also the public relying on the waterway. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Sec. 1304. Environmental Infrastructure of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024.

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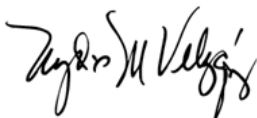
Dear Chairman Tom Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **NYCHA Ravenswood Exterior Lighting** for the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Housing Authority** located at 90 Church Street, New York, New York, 10007. The funding will support the installation of exterior security lighting for the entire public housing development at NYCHA Ravenswood Houses in Queens, New York to address safety and security concerns.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public housing residents have expressed concerns for safety and security and would benefit from lighting upgrades. The installation of lighting at NYCHA's Ravenswood Houses will provide residents and community members living in the surrounding area a sense of safety and security. The exterior lighting will present as potential crime deterrents and they will be strategically placed to provide better lighting on campus. This would benefit the over 4,000 tenants residing at 31 residential buildings at Ravenswood Houses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Liberty Plaza** in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **NYC Department of Transportation**, located at 55 Water Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 11201. The funding for this project would capially construct the plaza installed in paint in 2013 on Drew Street between 101st Street and Liberty Street. This capital project will also reconfigure traffic circulation at Liberty Avenue and 101st Avenue to enhance safety for all modes. The plaza redesign will create a functional and vibrant plaza in a community with limited public space. This project location is in a Tier 1 Priority Investment Area as defined by the NYC DOT Streets Plan and Liberty Ave east of the project location is a Vision Zero Corridor.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reconfigure traffic circulation at Liberty Avenue and 101st Ave to enhance safety for all modes The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)(2).

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

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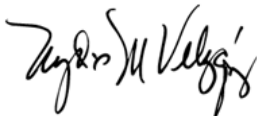
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **NYCHA Cooper Houses Exterior Lighting** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Housing Authority** located at 90 Church Street, New York, New York, 10007. The funding will support the installation of exterior security lighting for the entire public housing development at NYCHA Cooper Park Houses in the Brooklyn, New York to address safety and security concerns.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public housing residents have expressed concerns for safety and security and would benefit from lighting upgrades. The installation of lighting at NYCHA's Cooper Park development will provide residents and community members living in the surrounding area a sense of safety and security. The exterior lighting will present as potential crime deterrents and they will be strategically placed to provide better lighting on campus. This would benefit the over 1,400 residents residing at 11 residential buildings at Cooper Park.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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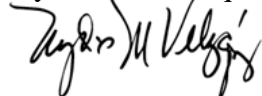
I am requesting funding for **Woodhaven Boulevard Select Bus Service, Phase B** for the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City's Department of Transportation** located at 55 Water Street, 12th Floor, New York 10041. The funding will support a project that will implement capital bus and safety improvements along Woodhaven Boulevard between 107th Avenue and Union Turnpike, to complement operational bus improvements first introduced in this corridor in 2017. The project will construct or reconstruct bus pads, concrete medians, pedestrian refuges, and curb extensions throughout the corridor limits to improve bus operations, pedestrian safety, and accessibility. The scope also includes street furniture to support bus operations, street lighting analysis and upgrades, and wayfinding signage.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Woodhaven Select Bus Service corridor is a major north-south transit connection in Queens, linking the Rockaway Peninsula to Queens Boulevard and several subway connections to the broader citywide network. Weekday bus ridership along the Woodhaven Boulevard corridor currently averages about 33,000 on the Q52/Q53 Limited-stop bus routes, Q11/21/22 Local bus routes, and QM15/16/17 and BM5 Express bus routes. This project will complement existing operational improvements and further enhance bus operations and speeds, providing vital transit connections for outer borough communities without direct access to the subway.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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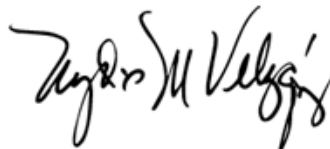
I am requesting funding for **NYCHA Whitman Houses Local Law 11 Brick Work (Building 15)** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), located at 90 Church Street, New York, NY, 10007. The funding would be used to fix the deteriorating façade of Building 15 within the NYCHA Whitman Houses and to remove the sidewalk sheds currently installed for resident safety. Therefore, the project would effectively tackle multiple safety concerns, including loose bricks, leaning walls, cracked glass and loose items on fire escapes or windowsills. With over 3,400 tenants spread across 15 residential buildings, the Whitman Houses, constructed in 1944, are in urgent need of extensive repair and maintenance work.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable NYCHA to address multiple safety issues in one of its buildings and therefore improve residents' housing conditions and overall quality of life.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title I, Sec. 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **NYCHA Whitman Houses Local Law 11 Brick Work (Building 14)** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), located at 90 Church Street, New York, NY, 10007. The funding would be used to fix the deteriorating façade of Building 14 within the NYCHA Whitman Houses and to remove the sidewalk sheds currently installed for resident safety. Therefore, the project would effectively tackle multiple safety concerns, including loose bricks, leaning walls, cracked glass and loose items on fire escapes or windowsills. With over 3,400 tenants spread across 15 residential buildings, the Whitman Houses, constructed in 1944, are in urgent need of extensive repair and maintenance work.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable NYCHA to address multiple safety issues in one of its buildings and therefore improve residents' housing conditions and overall quality of life.

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Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **New York City Housing Authority Bushwick Roof Tank Replacement** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Housing Authority**, located at 90 Church Street, New York, NY 10007. The funding would be used for replacing the roof tank at New York City Housing Authority's Bushwick Houses Development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrades to the roof tanks system at this public housing development will ensure up-to-date equipment to address any potential health and safety concerns that may arise at this location.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **New York City Housing Authority Borinquen Plaza II Exterior Lighting** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Housing Authority**, located at 90 Church Street, New York, NY 10007. The funding would be used for installation of exterior security lighting for the entire public housing development at NYCHA Borinquen Plaza II. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrades to lightning will provide residents and community members living in the surrounding area a sense of safety and security. The exterior lighting will present as potential crime deterrents and they will be strategically placed to provide better lighting on campus. This would benefit the over 1,000 tenants residing at 7 residential buildings at Borinquen Plaza II.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Repaving of Broadway from Concrete to Blacktop** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Department of Transportation**, located at 55 Water Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 11201. The funding would be used to remove the deteriorated concrete street on Broadway between Flushing and Eastern Parkway and install a standard roadway with an asphalt top that can be more easily maintained. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance safety by providing smoother pathways for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries. In addition, asphalt's ability to absorb and filter rainwater, will contribute to better stormwater management and water quality.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

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Dear Chairwoman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center 1155-1205 Manhattan Avenue Bulkhead Replacement**, Brooklyn, NY in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **New York City Department of Small Business Services** located at One Liberty Plaza, 11th Fl, New York, NY 10006. The funding would be used to replace 370 linear feet of bulkhead along the northern side of its 1155-1205 Manhattan Avenue facility at the Newtown Creek. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in addition to creating construction and engineering job opportunities, replacing the dilapidated infrastructure will reinforce the industrial complex's role as a long-term home to small manufacturing businesses by retaining industrial jobs for workers of non-traditional backgrounds.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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