

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
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth H.O.B.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Member of Congress

April 30th, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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1036 Longworth H.O.B.
U.S. House of Representatives
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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).

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

Sincerely,



Nydia M. Velázquez

Member of Congress

May 2nd, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth H.O.B.
U.S. House of Representatives
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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-Ozprba 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).

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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