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Certification Letters
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Urban Revitalization and Entrepreneurship (CURE) in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Delaware State University, located at 1200 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. The funding would be used to address the lack of small business incubators in Kent County, specifically in Downtown Dover, through a public-private partnership between Delaware State University and NCALL. CURE will promote entrepreneurship and community development in Central Dover, a designated opportunity zone within Dover’s Downtown Development District. Its mission is to create a shared workspace to cultivate and invest in entrepreneurs and inspire community collaboration for economic growth in Dover’s downtown opportunity zone. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Columbia County Small Business Resource Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Columbia County Economic Team located at 375 S 18th Street, St. Helens, Oregon, 97051.

The funding will be used for the development of a new Small Business Resource Center for Columbia County to serve its 1,400 businesses, many of which have 10 employees or fewer. The center will provide counseling, specialty assistance, training through workshops and courses, technical assistance, business outreach, and retention training.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bonamici  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Gwinnett County University of Georgia Small Business Development Center for fiscal year 2022. The project sponsor is the Gwinnett County University of Georgia Small Business Development Center located at 2530 Sever Road, Suite 202, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

Funding would be used for multilingual small business management/consulting services for minority-owned businesses in Gwinnett. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

1. Providing low or no-cost business management training and no-cost consulting to small businesses in their native language.
2. Providing translation services focused initially on delivering native language programs that have been available almost exclusively in English with some limited Spanish programs.
3. Program will expand to include translation services in support of direct small business consulting through translation partners if needed.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bourdeau
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Business Ownership Lifecycle Initiatives in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Illinois University, located at 3300 River Dr, Moline, IL 61265.

The funding would be used to expand the capacity of its Quad Cities (QC) campus to drive innovation and small business success along the business ownership lifecycle. WIU intends to do this in three ways: (i) Promote New Business Startups through Entrepreneurship Training, (ii) Help Existing Small Businesses enter New Markets through Procurement, and (iii) Encourage Late Stage Small Businesses to Create Business Succession Plans and Exit Strategies.

According to the most recent Illinois Small Business Profile published by the Small Business Administration (SBA), there were 1.2 million small businesses in Illinois. Small businesses employed 2.1 million people, representing 45% of the Illinois private sector labor force. In the 17th Congressional District there are counties such as Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Mercer, where 15% or more of the entire labor force is self-employed. This proposal builds on WIU current success as it reaches out to minority and women entrepreneurs in the Quad Cities and across northwestern Illinois. WIU plans to initiate local and regional procurement technical assistance to help small businesses, including minority and women-owned businesses, navigate the procurement process. This is an underserved market in the Quad Cities and northwestern Illinois. Finally, studies show a majority of small businesses do not maintain succession plans. This initiative would launch a region-wide business succession planning initiative that will include an online business succession-planning toolkit, a marketing strategy to ensure people know about the resource, and will deliver a series of business succession planning workshops in the Quad Cities and across the 17th Congressional District.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Respectfully,

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1026 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Project Elevate in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, located at 7 South Main St., Floor 3, Suite 4, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701. The funding would be used for the development of a physical location in the heart of the Wyoming Valley to serve as the launching pad for the re-imagined, post COVID, economic and social revitalization of northeastern Pennsylvania. It features a unique and innovative ecosystem that creates jobs, launches businesses, inspires entrepreneurs and unites individuals within the community – no matter their race, color, gender or age – to engage in a collaborative problem-solving methodology to uplift the community, and solve the most pressing economic and social issues facing our region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Leeward Community Small Business Incubator** in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is **InPeace**, located at **91-1010 Shangrila Street, Suite 306, Kapolei, Hawai‘i 96707**.

The funding would be used to expand InPeace’s current business development program capacity, which primarily serves Native Hawaiian and veteran communities, to meet the needs of the growing Leeward Community. This funding will support equipment, building and personnel costs associated with opening a small business incubator computer lab and training facility for small businesses in Kapolei, Hawai‘i.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With aloha,

Ed Case
Member of Congress
Hawai‘i-First District
April 26, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in fiscal year 2022 from the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, under the Small Business Initiatives account, for the following project:

**Small Business Research and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute**

The entity to receive funding for this project is:

South Carolina State University  
300 College St, NE  P.O. BOX 7008  
Orangeburg, SC 29117  
SC-06 Congressional District

The funding would be used to implement a research and entrepreneurial training program designed to enhance sustainability and improve the survival rate for small businesses in the Orangeburg community.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as it would promote the survival of local small businesses that bring increased economic activity and tax revenue to the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn  
Member of Congress (SC-06)
April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-60

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Memphis ReStart Initiative in Memphis, TN in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Black Business Association of Memphis, located at 480 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126. The funding would be used to support the multi-faceted small business development program that focuses on three areas: Talent, Acquisitions, and Talent Acquisitions in order to nurture Black enterprises toward economic equity as well as addressing the wealth gap. This includes leadership training for Black managers, entrepreneurs and business owners, and identifying opportunities for Black businesses to thrive.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship’s (CIE) North Cascades Community Enterprise Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship, located at 325 Pine Street, Suite A, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

This funding would enable the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) to scale up operations in rural Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties to provide technical assistance, business classes, and one-on-one training to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in disadvantaged communities. Through a partnership with the Washington State Small Business Development Center (SBDC), CIE provides an on-ramp for entrepreneurs to start or grow small businesses. Last year at CIE’s Port Angeles, WA location, approximately 230 entrepreneurs in the program received business training and 45 entrepreneurs either started a business, expanded operations, or accessed capital.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Suzan K. DelBene  
Member of Congress
April 26, 2021

Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Our Businesses, Our Neighborhoods, Our Stories project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is VestedIn, located at 3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

The funding would be used for creating a promotional video campaign to support the small businesses and neighborhoods in Pennsylvania’s 3rd Congressional District, focusing on the importance of supporting local small businesses at the city and neighborhood level. Funding would be used to provide commercial corridors with professionally produced promotional video and quarterly workshops including topics like e-commerce and business marketing, and to provide small businesses with professionally produced promotional video, access to CDFI capital, business technical assistance, and free membership with ShopPhilly1st, including a business listing on the organization’s website.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dwight Evans
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for e-Commerce for Disadvantaged Businesses in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is SUNY Buffalo State Small Business Development Center, located at Buffalo State, 1300 Elmwood Ave, Cleveland Hall 206, Buffalo, NY 14222.

The funding would be used to support in depth technical e-commerce assistance for minority, women and disadvantaged businesses. The pandemic changed the way business is done, and an effective online presence is essential to compete. The goal is to build and increase businesses ability and understanding of how to conduct business on-line, through providing a menu of services. Entrepreneurs will be able to use some, or all, of depending on their current e-commerce platform and experience. Services include building an interactive e-commerce web site, graphically design the web site (may include designing a logo, creating good copy, taking photographs, creating a place for questions, appointments, etc.), determining an appropriate payment platform, and monitoring the businesses application and usage of e-commerce.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Higgins
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman  Ranking Member
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Room H-307, The Capitol  1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the West Side Bazaar Expansion Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Westminster Economic Development Initiative, Inc., located at 436 Grant Street, Buffalo, NY 14213.

This request will outfit the West Side Bazaar with modern kitchen spaces for food prep, service, and storage for our popular international food court. The new kitchens will allow our economically disadvantaged yet aspiring restauranteurs to start their businesses and build toward their own brick and mortar establishments. The West Side Bazaar will expand from 3,200 square feet on Grant St. to 18,000 square feet in a renovated historic factory building on the rapidly revivifying Niagara St. The new West Side Bazaar will offer more shops for a wide variety of eclectic imports and professional services. WEDI plans for 24 businesses from the current 16, and to 75 seats from the current 35 in the cafe. It will be possible for the public to enjoy meals, shopping, music, cooking classes, tastings and events without requiring the hyper-vigilance a seat now requires.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Higgins
Member of Congress
June 2, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C.  20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1026 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the County of San Diego’s Child Care Expansion Fund in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Diego, located at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

The funding would be used by the County of San Diego to address the child care crisis by enabling small child care businesses to overcome the barriers to expansion. The funds would be used to cover pre-development, acquisition, and renovation costs, with federal funds matched by impact investors and philanthropy on at least a 2:1 basis. Both center-based and family child care businesses would qualify for the support.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

SARA JACOBS  
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Ascending House in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Southland Economic Incubator, located at 1904 174th St, Hazel Crest, IL 60429. The funding would be used for creating Ascending House, a Chicago Southland Tech Incubator. The project will support incubator pilot programs, including creating a video conference center, a podcast studio, and an advanced printing lab, providing the E-Commerce Entrepreneurs training program, operating the InternMatch Illinois, which is a match-making platform for small businesses to find the right interns, and building a commercial kitchen. Funding this project will help increase the representation of minority and female small business founders by providing shared working space, high-speed internet, advanced equipment, training and mentorship to increase access to networks and expertise that these entrepreneurs need to build their businesses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress
Dear Chair Quigley and Ranking Member Womack:

I am requesting funding for the Mississippi Small Business Tech Commercialization Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mississippi Small Business Development Centers at the University of Mississippi School of Business Administration at 122 Jeanette Phillips Drive in University, Mississippi 38677.

The funding would aid in building a system to offer technical and business assistance by connecting innovation resources of the Mississippi Research Consortium, comprised of the state’s four research universities and two external groups (small innovative businesses and startups across the state and additional Mississippi universities and community colleges).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for HIRE360 Business Development Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is HIRE360, located at 2301 S Lake Shore Drive, Lakeside Center, Chicago, IL 60616.

The funding would be used to assist women- and minority-owned entrepreneurs in Northeast Illinois to expand their construction industry enterprises, bid on major projects, secure and renew W/MBE Certification, and acquire start-up capital.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress
Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Connecticut Manufacturing & Technology (CCAT) CommUNITY eCommons in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, located at 222 Pitkin Street, Suite 101, East Hartford CT 06108.

The funding would be used to reinvent the workforce talent pipeline for small businesses post-COVID-19 and provide centralized and “common” resources that will reinvest in workers and small businesses, build public/private partnerships, incorporate collaborative strategies that change systems, and develop a sustainable job creation/job retention ecosystem for small businesses. In addition, this approach will focus on broadening participation within Connecticut communities to help jumpstart an equitable recovery for Black and Latino communities and small businesses, among the hardest hit by the pandemic.

The focus areas are: Manufacturing-centric jobseeker/employer database; A “career match initiative” linking pre-qualified job seekers to small business employment; A virtual meeting place to facilitate workforce development and provide industry resources to small businesses; and common resources located at the CCAT’s training centers that will facilitate the adoption of leading technologies, such as Industry 4.0 (automation) and digital manufacturing capabilities that will assist Connecticut’s small business manufacturers remain competitive post-pandemic.

One particular emphasis will be working with large manufacturers in CT to strengthen their CT-based supply chain, which includes numerous small and medium-sized businesses. Through upskilling the supply chain’s current workforce, providing training for dislocated workers, and providing small businesses access to utilize Connecticut’s training centers to incorporate leading-edge technologies, CCAT will focus on enhancing the competitiveness of critical manufacturing supply chains in CT.. An additional focus area for the Connecticut Manufacturing & Technology CommUNITY eCommons project will be providing services to small businesses and Connecticut workers related to the new clean energy projects we expect to come online in CT in the next few years, providing tremendous opportunities in the post-pandemic recovery in Connecticut.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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John B. Larson
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Centrepolis Accelerator Addition project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Centrepolis Accelerator located at 21415 Civic Center Drive, Building #18, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. The funding would be used to add a new conference room adjacent to the existing location to allow the Centrepolis Accelerator to service requests for assistance from small businesses, which have increased over 1,300% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Lawrence  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Detroit Means Business project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation located at 500 Griswold St., Ste. 2200 Detroit, MI 48226. The funding would be used to assist Detroit Means Business in its effort to serve as a one-stop hub to help small businesses stabilize, grow, and thrive in Detroit. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Lawrence
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $2 million in community project funding for the City of Henderson’s Workforce Training Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Henderson, located at 240 S Water St; Henderson, NV 89015.

The funding would be used to outfit the center with advanced manufacturing training equipment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rep. Susie Lee
April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Manhattan Storefront Revitalization & Small Business Entrepreneurship Project.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Foundation, located at 575 Fifth Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

The funding would be used to support data-mapping to identify geographic areas where storefront vacancies are concentrated and revitalization efforts are most needed and targeted economic development to support businesses and Manhattan recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Maloney  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Womack
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Quigley and Ranking Member Womack:

I am requesting funding for the City of Doraville, Small and Local Business Façade project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Doraville located at 3725 Park Ave, Atlanta, GA 30340.

This program is intended to assist property owners and tenants with improvements of the aesthetics of their business establishment in order to help revitalize Doraville by strengthening our local businesses. This program is not intended to support repairs or standard maintenance but would be available for exterior painting; landscaping; window, door, and storefront improvements; lighting; and upgraded signs. The focus will be on ensuring quality materials are utilized and that projects enhance the visual appearance of the property fronting the street or other public space.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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LUCY MCBATH
Member of Congress
April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-130 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Twin Cities.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Twin Cities, located at 507 Asbury St, #207, St. Paul, MN 55104.

The funding would be used to allow LISC to support four community partners working in cultural districts. LISC has a history of investing in communities of color, as we work to close the gap in housing, education, lending, and creative activities. LISC’s support for the St. Paul cultural and creative districts goes back decades, and this project builds on that long history of investment and support. Deliverables: a) 4-5 grants of $200,000-250,000 to key cultural district and community organization partners in St. Paul; b) creation of small business incubator space, affordable commercial space, community arts and event space, and access to fresh and healthy food; c) culturally focused business development & technical assistance for BIPOC entrepreneurs and community organizations; d) 3-5 artist-led business-boosting activities or pop-up projects; e) a guide for businesses on using the arts to boost business and work with artists, with a flip side for artists on working with businesses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress
April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-130 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) Small Business Incubator Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Neighborhood Development Center, located at 663 University Ave W #200, St Paul, MN 55104.

The Small Business Incubator Project will ensure BIPOC business owners have space within their own neighborhoods to successfully run their business. In addition, NDC’s Training Center will allow NDC to support other organizations across the state and nation as they learn the NDC model of community/economic development and how it can be applied in their communities. We also plan to do youth training for future “green” jobs and businesses, and explore solar financing.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Creative Hub Community Arts Center project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Creative Hub Worcester, located at 653 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610. The funding would be used renovate the former Ionic Ave Boys Club into the Creative Hub Community Arts Center. This Center will support neighborhood development, community engagement, and support both at-risk and underserved youth and community members. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee of Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of $1,500,000 for Resurgent Stockton: Economic Development, Workforce Development and Youth Employment in the fiscal year 2022 Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Stockton, located at 425 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

The Economic Development Department and Office of the Stockton City Manager are proposing a collaborative initiative: a co-packing and cold storage facility to support entrepreneurs, the cottage food industry, and urban farmers, which would address food insecurity and complement work being done by the existing Stockton Kitchen Incubator. This local source for urban farmers and food entrepreneurs would allow storage, preparation, and packaging of products for distribution. In addition, the project proposes an enhanced Entrepreneurship Center to include additional equipment and technology - such as a podcast studio for creatives to produce their own music, videos, commercials, and podcasts, along with training and meeting space, to further support local entrepreneurs. Integrated within the project would be a robust workforce development component, providing training and hands-on work experience that supports local employment by creating jobs and monetizing the economic initiatives.

The existing Stockton Community Kitchen Incubator provides funding to support small local food entrepreneurs by providing access to a commercial grade kitchen, and the proposed co-packing and cold storage program would complement the existing program. Entrepreneurs will rent space for their business operations with training and technical assistance for burgeoning entrepreneurs, as well as hands-on training and employment opportunities to leverage workforce development. Stakeholders have expressed interest in growing the value-added food and agriculture manufacturing sector, and research suggests there are significant opportunities. In concert with the incubator is an enhanced Entrepreneurship Center that would work with the existing Entrepreneurship Grant program to include additional access to equipment, technology,
training rooms, meeting space, and co-working office sponsorships to further the support and training to local entrepreneurs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

Chair Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C.  20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C.  20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the New River Gorge Development Authority in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New River Gorge Development Authority, located at 200 Main Street, Beckley, WV 25801. The funding would be used for a Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives Grant to support the organization’s work in recruiting new businesses, growing business incubation and acceleration, expanding the organization’s capacity as well as expanding their marketing efforts. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Community Business Academy in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Urban League of Rochester, NY, Inc., located at 265 N Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14605.

The funding would be used for salaries and miscellaneous costs to implement the Community Business Academy, which is a 12-week cohort-based business training program that helps entrepreneurs become self-sufficient with the guidance of experienced business leaders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress

April 26, 2021
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a high school training program in small business accounting for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding is the Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, located at 615 W 131st St, 6th Floor, Mail Code 8725, New York NY 10027-7922.

The funding would be used to launch a new summer training program in accounting for low-income, first-generation, college-bound high school students from all over the Manhattan to meet small business owners’ need for accounting services and to provide students the skills to become accountants.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the 36Squared Business Incubator in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is 36Squared Business Incubator, which is located at 3636 S. Iron St, Chicago, IL 60609.

The funding would be used to expand and enhance disabled entrepreneurs’ work through trainings, access to capital and one-on-one assistance.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Marie Newman
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1 million in funding for the NEON Food Entrepreneur Incubation Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON), located at: 1007 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

The requested $1 million would fund the development of a commercial kitchen for use by food entrepreneurs enrolled in NEON’s Food Business Incubator Program. NEON exists to overcome systemic disinvestment in North Minneapolis by supporting the entrepreneurship of their clients who are 90% people of color and 80% African American. Over 40% of NEON’s 1,000+ clients are food entrepreneurs who do not currently have access to a commercial kitchen - this access is crucial not only for ensuring the success of these entrepreneurs but also for providing much needed goods and services to the Northside community, which is the fifth largest food desert in the nation.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress
April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the El Pajaro Alisal Kitchen Incubator project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Pajaro Community Development Corporation, located at 23 E. Beach St., Watsonville, CA 95076.

The funding would be used to will be used to acquire commercial equipment and fixtures needed for the kitchen incubator where food production entrepreneurs, women and other economically disadvantaged persons can receive training and technical assistance, and food producers can start-up and expand their businesses in a commercially-equipped, licensed facility.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Small Businesses Need Us at Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Inc. in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Inc., located at 550 Broad Street, 15th floor, Newark, NJ 07102. The funding would be used for upgrading technology and training staff.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro  The Hon. Kay Granger
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you draft fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation, I write to request consideration of the following Community Project Funding request submitted to my office:

**University of Wisconsin – Madison Small Business Development Center**
- **Amount:** $173,507
- **Recipient:** Wisconsin Small Business Development Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Address:** 97 Bascom Hall
  500 Lincoln Drive
  Madison, WI 53706
- **Purpose:** To support a Small Business Accounting and Projections Clinic to assist start-up and growth-minded entrepreneurs with no-cost financial management education and one-on-one assistance to create financial projections for business plans.

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request. I certify neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request, and I have made this request publicly available on my website at the following address: https://pocan.house.gov/community-and-member-designated-project-requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns, and your staff may contact David Bagby of my staff at (202) 225-2906 or david.bagby@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

Chairwoman Rosa L. DeLauro                     Ranking Member Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations                   Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives                 U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Morrisville Small Business Development Program in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Morrisville, located at 100 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560. The funding would be used for financial support and assistance through grants, incentives, and town provided programs such as events, networking activities, marketing and communication support, and the establishment of a database of information to enhance regular and ongoing engagement with this segment of the Morrisville community. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Very truly yours,

Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

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Chair
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $312,744 for the Valley Internet of Things Initiative (VIOTI) coordinated by the Youngstown Business Incubator in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Youngstown Edison Incubator Corporation, located at 241 W Federal Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

The Youngstown Business Incubator’s (YBI) mission is to facilitate the creation of high-value businesses through collaborative partnerships that promote innovative technologies and long-term, sustainable employment opportunities, with a focus on information technology and advanced manufacturing. Primarily serving Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, an area which has suffered decades of job and population losses, the YBI and its partners have successfully leveraged their entrepreneurial expertise and resources to help reimagine the economy of this once thriving industrial area.

YBI is requesting $312,744 to launch and help coordinate task delivery through partners, such as BRITE Energy Innovators, of the Valley Internet of Things Initiative (VIOTI). This initiative will bring a number of area and statewide partners together to create and implement training and entrepreneurial support programs for Mahoning Valley and Ohio manufacturers, which will ultimately help to retain and re-shore jobs. This training and technical assistance will focus on the opportunity to utilize the power of electronics and real-time analysis to improve business operations and energy efficiency to ensure local manufactures and startups remain competitive on the global stage. A 2020 survey conducted by Youngstown State University that interviewed multiple sectors found that over seventy-five percent of local companies do not utilize real-time data and over fifty percent note that they did not have the expertise or training for adoption. This investment of public dollars will provide key assistance so local manufactures and startups can receive this necessary training to help make them more competitive, which will in turn help launch and pilot their products to grow their business and create jobs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress
April 30, 2020

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for CNMI SBDC Business Innovation Incubator in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands College of Northern Marianas Small Business Development Center located at Northern Marianas College, Small Business Development Center, Finasisu Lane, Saipan, MP 96950. The funding will be used for promoting innovation through entrepreneurship. The program will increase the number of small businesses and create jobs in the Marianas. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Startup FIU Tech and Food Business Hub in fiscal year 2022 in the amount of $500,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida International University Brickell Campus located at 1011 Brickell Ave, Miami, FL 33131.

StartUP FIU is a university-wide initiative that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship for its students, faculty, alumni, and for the greater community of Miami. This project proposes to partner with community and local governmental organizations in Florida’s 27th District to develop a Startup FIU Technology and Food Business Hub that would help create and maintain over 500 jobs. The proposed grant would be used to help students to enhance their skills in digital marketing, social media, website development, e-commerce, design thinking, sales, finance, entrepreneurship, and data analytics.

I believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because of its educational benefit to university students and its ability to help further develop the community economically through job creation and economic development.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar
April 28, 2021

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance Small Business Accelerator Program in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance, located at 6516 Aaron Aronov Dr., Fairfield, AL 35064. The funding would be used to provide micro companies and small businesses access to instructional workshops, key resource providers, and other support to help them expand and create jobs for the local community. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Business Technical Assistance in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Valley Economic Alliance, located at 5121 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403.

The funding would be used for offering critical business assistance services designed to retain jobs in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles County. The Business Technical Assistance Program offers valuable public benefit by increasing the resilience and growth if local small businesses that create jobs, generate tax revenues that fund public services, and fuel our local economy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Entrepreneurship Incubation Hub: Teaching & Commercial Kitchen for Refugee & Immigrant Community in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is World Relief Seattle, located in Kent, Washington.

This request would fund the development of a teaching and commercial kitchen that will be a 1,215 sq. ft. multi-impact community space serving Washington’s King County refugee and immigrant community in Kent. This space will be used as an entrepreneurship and small business incubation hub to launch and promote local businesses, particularly food-based businesses, and train refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs through an Entrepreneurship Academy hosted in the space.

The project will promote entrepreneurship and successful small business ownership within historically underserved communities; advance community based economic empowerment through promoting food related businesses and income-generating initiatives; and simultaneous increase food security and sovereignty for refugee and immigrant communities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith
Member of Congress
April 26, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Growing BIPOC Micromanufacturing Entrepreneurs project, in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tempe, located at 31 East 5th Street in Tempe, Arizona 85281. The funding would support the City of Tempe’s efforts to lift up local entrepreneurs—with a focus on BIPOC entrepreneurs—and help them overcome the most significant obstacles to start-up manufacturing through grants to cover the cost of space, start-up raw materials and equipment necessary for micromanufacturing. The funds would also support Tempe’s effort to train and coach entrepreneurs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Stanton  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to provide interior improvements to a multipurpose facility originally constructed by the United States Air Force in 1956, with the intent to outfit the building for a prospective small business industrial tenant in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Clinton County Government Center located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.

Funding obtained for this project will be leveraged to generate new jobs and associated payroll tax revenues, employ numerous contractors and tradesman, fiscally strengthen the County and Plattsburgh International Airport, and help the region continue to diversify their economy by offering an opportunity to grow a new or existing small business.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Elise M. Stefanik  
Member of Congress
April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515  

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Small Business Support Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Las Vegas located at 495 S. Main St. Las Vegas, NV 89101. The funding would be used to help existing businesses and entrepreneurs navigate business planning, financial planning, legal needs, and more. The funds will help provide technology, mentoring, and assistance with code enforcement and business regulations to remove barriers to success. The Center is part of the City of Las Vegas’s Historic Urban Neighborhood Design Redevelopment plan to revitalize the Westside neighborhood and surrounding areas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus  
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021

The Honorable
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The Honorable
Ranking Member Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, am requesting funding for ProsperUs Detroit Micro Lending in FY 2022.

The intended recipient of the Community Project Funding is ProsperUs Detroit Micro Lending, located at 5716 Michigan Ave. Suite 3000 Detroit, MI 48210.

The funding is intended to be used for the expansion of ProsperUS and its innovative new programming that supports entrepreneurs and small business development in the 13th Congressional District— including the City of Inkster. Funding of $1,155,000 will support accelerated growth of its access to capital and business assistance programs and the Anchor Business Support Project. The programs will support emerging and experienced neighborhood businesses.

I certify that neither I nor any immediate family member has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Rashida Tlaib
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
April 29, 2021

Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Bronco STEA2M Innovation Hub project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is California State Polytechnic University, located at 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768.

The funding would be used to develop a entrepreneurial and social innovation hub to provide resources, support, and training opportunities to help entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small and family-owned businesses advance their goals and strengthen the local economy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Torres
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for small-business incubator serving entrepreneurs in economically distressed communities in Massachusetts in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Entrepreneurship for All, Inc., located at 175 Cabot Street, Suite 100, Lowell, Massachusetts, 01851. The funding would be used for programming needs, including business webinars, peer-to-peer support, mentorship assistance for startups and existing businesses, a digital business survival “bootcamp,” and technical assistance for startups and existing businesses. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress
Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Washington, DC 20515

Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2021

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting $4 million in funding for the Sinclair Community College Center for Advanced Manufacturing in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Sinclair Community College, located at 444 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45404.

Project funding will create an Advanced Manufacturing Center at Sinclair Community College that will develop a national model program integrating employers and educators while creating a feeder program from non-credit training into credit programs, leverage Sinclair's experience developing competency-based programs expediting student completion and inclusion within the manufacturing job market, and cultivate pathways for how high school students to leverage their interest in STEM and move seamlessly to a rewarding career. The funding requested would be used for needed equipment acquisition to outfit the Center of Advanced Manufacturing.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner  
Member of Congress
Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Washington, DC 20515

Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting $4 million in funding for Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments, located at 44 W. Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324.

The project provides initial funding for the Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments, the members of which are the communities surrounding Wright Patterson Air Force Base, including the Cities of Beavercreek, Dayton, Fairborn, Huber Heights and Riverside, and Bath Township. Funding would be used to perform studies, evaluations, and programs for the purpose of economic development planning and support to small businesses in the communities surrounding the installation. This is an urgent and widely recognized community need.

The project is anticipated to provide substantial local and regional benefits to small businesses that interact with the base and to enhance economic opportunities in the vicinity of the base as and the quality of life for the men and woman who serve there as well as their neighbors. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the largest single site employer in the State of Ohio with more than 30,000 workers. The project is intended to increase opportunities for economic development improvements that will take advantage of this major work center. These benefits will assist in both retaining and adding jobs inside the fence but allow for new and continued growth of small businesses outside the fence.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner  
Member of Congress
April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the United Way of The Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region through the Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives for their ALICE Friendly Workplace Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 709 S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

The purpose of the ALICE Friendly Workplace Project is to create workplaces for the ALICE population that are empathetic, equitable, and ultimately give space for individuals to be able to step out of ALICE. Part of the project will be the development of an ALICE Friendly Workplace Toolkit that will guide employers to evaluate and change current policies that may be harming their employees.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

FRED UPTON  
Member of Congress
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Atlantic City Small Business Assistance Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Atlantic City Office of the Business Administrator, located in City Hall on 1301 Bacharach Boulevard in Atlantic City, NJ. The project will be carried out in Atlantic City.

The Atlantic City Small Business Assistance initiative will be used for Entrepreneurship training, concierge services, business outreach services, and marketing, to help individuals start, grow, and maintain successful small businesses and bring Atlantic City back.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Van Drew

April 28, 2021
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the RGV Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station’s Secure America Institute (SAI), located at Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station Headquarters, 3577 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-3577.

The funding would be used to enhance Rio Grande Valley (RGV) small business competitiveness. SAI would connect large and small RGV companies to increase Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBTT) opportunities, conduct workshops to increase the number and quality of small business proposals, establish mentor-protégé programs, and provide matching funds to SBIR winners to assist with commercialization.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Filemon Vela  
Member of Congress
April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $150,000.00 in funding for the “Small Business Accelerator Program in the Atlanta Area” in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, Inc., located at 230 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2600 in Atlanta, GA 30303. The project location where funds will be used is located at 774 Jordan Lane, Building 4, in Decatur, GA 30033.

The funding will be used to support the Small Business Accelerator Program at the Urban League of Greater Atlanta (ULGA). The mission of the Entrepreneurship Center (TEC) is to support and promote the growth of new and existing small businesses, especially those that are women, Black, and minority owned. This project will also focus on those businesses most negatively impacted by COVID. The purpose of the program is to ensure participants can demonstrate increased value in their businesses as measured by the improvement of quantitative and qualitative metrics that signify growth.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the program works to provide support services to startup entrepreneurs, the emerging (3+ years) businesses, and other small businesses to allow these businesses to create and retain jobs in the area. For over 16 years the ULGA has assisted over 10,000 small business clients. Small businesses have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and would greatly benefit from the technical assistance and support offered by ULGA through The Entrepreneurship Center (TEC) and its resources.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Nikema Williams
Member of Congress
April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Chef Space Consumer-Packaged Goods Expansion in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Community Ventures Corporation, located at 1540 N. Broadway Lexington, Kentucky 40505. The funding would be used for Chef Space, located in Louisville, Kentucky, to provide equipment, storage, and space to allow for a growing consumer packaged goods operation.

Chef Space is a food business accelerator that provides commercial kitchen space and business training for entrepreneurs to start food related ventures as a means for economic security. They focus on inclusive growth and opportunity in the community, with two-thirds of the entrepreneurs they serve are persons of color and more than half are women. During the pandemic, Chef Space demonstrated tremendous resiliency by safely remaining open and packaged foods, meal delivery services, expanded production, and personal catering all became more viable options. This funding would allow them to reimagine their space to provide for a robust food packaging operation to better serve their members and our community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress
Date: April 23, 2021
April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Black and Diverse Business Wealth Initiative in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisville Metro Government, located at 444 Fifth Street Suite 600 Louisville, Kentucky 40202. The funding would be used for a workforce development program to provide training directly to businesses and entrepreneurs to help build capacity for Black and diverse business enterprises in the capital and construction project delivery industry.

Louisville Metro Government estimates that more than $5 billion will be invested locally in public and private capital infrastructure investments over the next five years, including projects from the city, Metropolitan Sewer District, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, and others. Only 2.4 percent of Louisville’s businesses are Black owned, while the city’s population is 22 percent Black. In 2020, Louisville announced the Equity in Contracting Task Force via Executive Order of the Mayor with the specific goal of increasing the number of Black and diverse businesses in the city. This funding will help Metro Government support the opportunity for more Black and diverse business enterprises to succeed in our city.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress
Date: April 23, 2021