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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for expanding Boston’s Tuition Free Community College (TFCC) Program to sub-associate’s level certificate programs in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Boston, located at Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02201. The funding would be used for expanding the TFCC program to meet heightened needs. TFCC provides last-dollar funding tuition support, a $250 per semester stipend for books and transportation, and access to a network of academic coaches through our partners at Success Boston. TFCC currently does not cover any sub-associates level credential, including those that are PELL-eligible. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and recession have shown the need and demand for short-term certificate programs. As the economy recovers, students are looking for short-term, high-value credentials that can help them find work. Funding will allow the recipient to expand to include previously excluded categories, especially for students seeking short-term training for recognized credentials and licenses in healthcare, IT, e-commerce, construction and clean energy. Obtaining these certifications will boost hiring opportunities for residents of color and women.

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

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Establishing a new clean energy Building Automation Systems (BAS) program at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT), located at 41 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116. The funding would be used for creating new certificate and degree programs, developing curricula, and purchasing new classroom technology and laboratory equipment to deliver new clean tech training in building automation systems for BFIT students, the majority of whom are people of color. These programs would lead to good paying jobs in a sector that advances goals to address climate change. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **COVID-19 Employment Recovery Program (CERP)** in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is La Colaborativa/Chelsea Collaborative, located at 318 Broadway Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The funding would be used for a city-wide workforce development action plan within Chelsea to stabilize Chelsea families, many of whom are Latinx and immigrant workers, after the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this frontline community through access to jobs, English Second Language classes, and other necessary services. The Rapid Re-Employment Program or COVID-19 Employment Recovery Program (CERP) will feature Job Readiness Assessment, Soft Skills Bootcamps, Information Hotlines, and Job Navigation Counseling for Chelsea residents for the fiscal year. Building on existing COVID-response programming developed by lead organizations, La Colaborativa will continue to provide impacted workers with pandemic-related stabilization services, including support applying for public benefits, food, and other cash assistance. Addressing widespread under- and unemployment is the only way to sustainably address the economic crisis facing thousands of Chelsea families over the long-term.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for The Dimock Center – Project Access – Providing Men with Access to CSS in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Dimock Center, located at 55 Dimock Street, Roxbury, MA 02119. The funding would be used for renovating the Z building on the Dimock campus to accommodate the men’s Clinical Stabilization Services program. This renovation project would provide approximately 300 men annually with vital step-down services after detoxification by creating new beds for patients in intensive treatment for substance use. Addiction counselors and recovery specialists will support the men in this program, connecting them with Dimock’s health center to engage in Medication Assisted Treatment, primary care, behavioral health, and specialty services. The goal of this programming is to assist patients in sustaining recovery, obtaining jobs, reuniting with loved ones, and leading healthy lives.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Inland End River Area Flood Resilience Project – City of Everett, City of Chelsea in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Chelsea, located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The funding would be used to advance a regional flood resilience plan to protect the cities of Everett and Chelsea. This project would provide critical flood and sea level rise protection for highly populated regions that not only host life-critical food security and energy essential infrastructure but are also prone to coastal flooding and record coastal storms.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Milton Public Schools – Math/Reading Learning Assessment and Instruction Tools project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Milton, located at 525 Canton Avenue, Milton, Massachusetts 02186. The funding would be used for addressing unfinished teaching and learning with a data driven, personalized approach by funding access to the assessment and instructionally adaptive tools, specifically iReady Math and Lexia Core5 and professional development to teachers to utilize this curriculum. One does not have to look far for emerging research and concerns raised by parents and guardians, teachers, and school leaders regarding the urgency to address the academic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Preliminary data both nationally and in the Milton Public Schools indicate that there has been a negative impact on reading and a more significant impact on mathematics learning. This impact is considerably magnified when considering subgroups such as students of color, English language learners, students with special needs, and students from lower socioeconomic families. The key to addressing this impact which is a direct result of unfinished teaching and learning and the disparate impact it has had on our students is a robust system for identifying specific gaps in learning and a personalized, adaptive approach to instruction.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **Poplar Street Pump Station & ArtFarm** project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Somerville, located at 1 Franey Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The funding would be used to provide critical stormwater climate change management infrastructure below ground as well as an open community space and arts facilities designed to foster community engagement, learning, and creativity above ground. These funds would relieve flooding in the city, prepare for climate change, reduce Combined Sewer Overflows in the region, and alleviate capacity constraints in the regional combined sewer system.

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

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Randolph School District – Culturally Relevant and Digital Literacy for Equity project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Randolph School District, located at Randolph Public Schools 40 Highland Ave, Randolph, MA 02368. The funding would be used to purchase technology and read aloud books that support the goal of offering a more equitable and relevant literacy curriculum. Randolph is a district in which over 80% of the student population are students of color. Not only does the current curriculum not reflect the backgrounds of the students, but also, prior to the pandemic our students did not have sufficient technology to build basic digital literacy skills. Recent assessment data demonstrates that approximately 50% of Randolph public schools students are reading below grade level. The purchase of high-quality books where students are able to see themselves and additional technology to support the personalized and blended models of learning will assist students in engaging more deeply with the content so that they are better able to comprehend and retain the information through visually appealing and differentiated methods. Having the ability to access online resources and connect to a global society provides opportunities to our students that prepare them for colleges and careers of their choice.

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

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Separated Bicycle Lane Network Build Out in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Cambridge, located at 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139. The funding would be used to expand the network of separated bicycle facilities across Cambridge and connect them with existing and planned facilities on other corridors, which would link key employment and residential zones in the city. These funds would provide increased connectivity with safe bicycle facilities designed for users of all ages and abilities.

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

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for School Based Community Health Center at Randolph High School project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Randolph, located at 41 South Main Street, Randolph, Massachusetts 02368. The funding would be used for addressing the lack of health services in Randolph, which had a role, in part, for Randolph becoming a “hotspot” for COVID-19 infections and caused the community to be singled out as one of 20 communities of concern by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The lack of access and ease of access to timely primary care services increases use of Emergency Departments (ED) for non-urgent care. ED overuse has a significant impact on health care costs which can be mitigated by redesigning primary care to improve access, providing accessible alternative sites for non-urgent primary care. This project will provide for construction on Randolph High School, the first step in creating a school-based health center. A school-based health center provides local siting for healthcare services thereby reducing avoidable costs while ensuring successful patient outcomes through continuity of care. The construction costs are the essential first step in getting this project across the finish line.

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