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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Small Business Technical Assistance Program** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the African Community Economic Development of New England-CDC (ACEDONE-CDC) located at 89 South Street, Suite 203 in Boston, MA 02111. The project would support the economic vitality of small businesses in predominantly low-income, Black, brown and immigrant communities across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District and help set the groundwork for an equitable and just economic recovery from this pandemic. ACEDONE-CDC's programming efforts for economic mobility are evidence-based and stem from sustained engagement and input from the communities served. Funding will support the expansion of the small business development center to serve new and early-stage businesses of the East African immigrant community, facilitate financial literacy and skills training, business planning and other related programming, create nearly 40 employment opportunities for youth and re-entering individuals. This funding will help to expand access to services during a time when many small businesses within these communities have been disproportionately impacted by the economic challenges associated with the pandemic.

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

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **PowerUp Latinx Business Initiative at Amplify Latinx** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is Amplify Latinx located at 200 Portland Street, Suite 500 in the city of Boston, MA 02114 and provides services to communities across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District. The project will invest in the economic stability and vitality of Latinx community— one of the fastest growing communities across the Commonwealth and one that was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Funding would support bilingual, culturally relevant and intensive business coaching to 65 Latinx micro businesses in “Latinx-heavy” industries (for example, restaurants, retailers, bodegas and barber shops) with a focus on underserved populations (immigrants and non-native English-speaking populations, low-to-moderate income entrepreneurs, minority and women owned business owners.) Educational programming and support includes comprehensive business evaluation to identify strengths and needs of the business, co-creation of strategic roadmaps, business performance coaching and mentoring, increasing access to business certifications and more.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Back Office Support Services (BOSS) Program at the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA) located at One Beacon Street in Boston, MA 02108. The project would invest in resources and capacity building of small Black-owned businesses and Black entrepreneurs through a program with a proven history of providing essential business infrastructure through services, tools and technical assistance to ensure small business owners are able to effectively and compliantly operate and succeed. The BOSS project will benefit small businesses and entrepreneurs at the local, regional and statewide level because the BOSS program is created to support small businesses and entrepreneurs becoming more competitive in this digital economy.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support **one-to-one mentoring and enrichment programs for girls in Boston** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding is the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston located at 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1420 in Boston, MA, 02116. The funding would support one-to-one mentoring and other enrichment programs in a variety of settings in order to support the wellness and social-emotional needs of girls. Big Sister Boston's one-to-one mentoring programs directly correlate to improved outcomes for girls as they develop a positive sense of self, build social-emotional skills, navigate challenges, and achieve greater mental health and resiliency. These resources will allow Big Sister Boston to expand its impact in support of young girls throughout the Boston area.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Boston Medical Center (BMC) Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (VIAP)** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is Boston Medical Corporation located at 1 Boston Medical Center Place in Boston, MA 02118. The project would invest in resources and capacity building for the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program that assists Boston victims of violence (gunshots, stabbings) to recover from physical and emotional trauma and empowers them with skills, services and opportunities so they may make positive changes in their lives and help strengthen their communities. Victims are provided wrap-around case management services, job and education training that, in many cases, provide the impetus and guidance they need to re-direct their lives and avoid future violence. VIAP services remain ongoing in the hospital, in the home, and in the community for a period ranging from a few weeks to a year or more as needed.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support **Emergency Childcare Support for Unhoused Families in Boston** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Boston located at 1 City Hall Square, 5th Floor, Boston, MA, 02201. The funding would be used to provide critical support to families with young children ages birth to five, experiencing homelessness by providing them with immediate access to available childcare while they pursue longer-term support. Unhoused families frequently require extended time to secure eligibility documentation to qualify for subsidized child care programs. This delay impacts their ability to receive crucial developmental and educational support for their children at a time when they are most vulnerable.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Downtown Broadway Infrastructure Improvement Project** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the City of Chelsea, located at 500 Broadway, Room 101, in Chelsea, MA, 02150. The project would support the improvement of the Broadway Corridor—home to an array of minority owned small businesses, vibrant public spaces, high frequency public transit routes, and dense residential housing. Gravely impacted by the pandemic, the downtown encompasses obsolete, unsafe infrastructure. The project envisions comprehensive reconstruction of streetscape and utility infrastructure to ameliorate safety issues, enhance accessible and safe public transit, and promote an equitable economic recovery for the city and its residents.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Cambridge Residents in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the City of Cambridge located at 795 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will help develop a network of accessible electric vehicle infrastructure necessary to support the City's transition from reliance on fossil fuel vehicles and invest in forms of transportation that mitigate the threat of climate change.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Gateway Park Urban Forest/Wetland Restoration** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the City of Everett located at 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149. The project would help support the restoration of a degraded 14-acre waterfront parcel of land and create a rare public open space for low-income BIPOC residents in the environmental justice community of Everett.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Immigrant Health Community Health Worker-led Mental Health Care Model** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Center for Immigrant Health located at 125 Nashua St. Suite 840, Boston, MA, 02478. The project would address the critical statewide shortage of bilingual, culturally diverse mental health providers needed in local immigrant and limited English proficiency populations. The MGH Center for Immigrant Health (CIH) will train culturally and linguistically concordant Community Health Workers to administer standardized mental health interventions such as cognitive behavioral strategies, motivational interviewing, mindfulness practice, healthy habits coaching, and resiliency training. Patients will also be connected to an immigrant resource specialist to address concrete needs and resettlement stressors that can adversely impact mental health. This type of intervention has demonstrated efficacy in improving anxiety, depression, and PTSD symptoms often experienced by immigrant patients, thus reducing racial and linguistic mental health disparities that have been particularly exacerbated over the course of the pandemic.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Cooling Urban Heat Islands through Enhancing Urban Forests in Greater Boston's Mystic River Watershed** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the Mystic River Watershed Association located at 20 Academy Street- Suite 306. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help mitigate the dangers of climate-driven extreme weather in urban neighborhoods across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District—particularly in the most vulnerable environmental justice communities including Everett, Chelsea and East Boston. The program will support the implementation of local urban forestry plans (including the planting of 750 trees), while training youth, reentry citizens and others to perform the horticulture activities needed to establish and maintain urban trees.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Adult Literacy Initiative Digital Literacy Project** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development located at 43 Hawkins Street, Boston, MA 02114. The funding would support Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the capacity building initiative the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development is implementing to improve the quality of adult education and workforce development programs and ensure they have the infrastructure and competencies to enhance digital literacy and skills development among learners.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Roxbury Associate's to Master's Workforce Accelerator** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is Northeastern University located at 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston MA 02115. The funding would support the Roxbury Associate's to Master's Workforce Accelerator (RA2MWA), a structured accelerated pathway program connecting eligible students from Roxbury Community College—the only Historically Black College and University in New England—to valuable higher education opportunities in high-demand fields that lead to good-paying jobs. RA2MWA builds on the successes of Northeastern University's existing Associate's to Master's program, which prepare learners for success in high-demand fields by shortening the time to completion, and by providing valuable research experiences, paid internships, industry and peer mentorships, specialized advising, and other tailored academic, career, and social supports. The program has demonstrated that structured and supported pathway programs significantly improve retention and completion and increase representation in high-demand fields and advanced academic programs. This project will help to create a more economically equitable Massachusetts 7th Congressional District.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Turner Free Library Mobile Services Project** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the town of Randolph located at 41 South Main Street, Randolph, MA, 02368. The project will support mobile library and STEM programming to more than 2,046 elementary and middle school students across Randolph Public Schools who do not have regular access to school librarians or library services— a gap which has far reaching impacts. This project will support the purchase of a Turner Free Library outreach vehicle to connect students across the District with specialized library materials to promote early childhood literacy, a mobile STEM lab, Wi-Fi, and professional librarians to deliver services.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to support the **Clarendon Hill Housing and Transportation Equity Project** in fiscal year 2023. The intended recipient is the City of Somerville located at 93 Highland Ave. in Somerville, MA 02143. The project will support the community informed transformation of the Clarendon Hill Housing community by increasing safe and affordable housing, promoting accessibility to services and mobility particularly for residents with disabilities and those using a mobility assistance devices and support the development of green and open community space for residents of an ethnically, linguistically and economically diverse neighborhood in Somerville.

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