

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2506**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Y-LIPSTICK Community Safety and Leadership Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the We Are Better Together Warren Daniel Hairston Project, located at 91 Thornton Street Boston, MA 02119. The funding would be used for Y-LIPSTICK (Young Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner City Killing), a youth violence prevention program empowering young women with education, leadership skills, and alternatives to violence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address gun violence as a public health issue, centering prevention, healing, and leadership development for women and girls.

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

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

Sincerely,



Ayanna Pressley  
Member of Congress