

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southland Juvenile Justice Council Violence and Truancy Prevention Program – Cook County, IL, in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council, located at 336 Forest Blvd, Park Forest, IL 60466. The funding would be used to help provide a referral-based program for 35 communities aimed at reducing additional contact with the police, juvenile crime, and truancy. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will work with law enforcement, community agencies, and residents to help prevent and reduce crime.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress