

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3216

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 **\$450,000** for the **Children's Village Youth Violence Prevention and Deterrence Initiative** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Children's Village** located at 20 Hammond House Rd Valhalla, NY 10595.

This funding would be used to deter and eliminate youth violence and risky behavior leading to crime. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because youth violence is a pressing public health and safety concern; assault-related injuries and youth homicides cost an estimated \$18.2 billion annually, 76,000 youth in the United States are tried, sentenced, or incarcerated annually as adults, and almost a quarter of high school students report having been in a fight. This project aims to provide conflict resolution skills, invest in early intervention, and offer mentorship to reduce crime.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the 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,



George Latimer
Member of Congress