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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, and Education  
2368-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Education  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following community project funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of \$154,000 for Funding for a Center Mini-Bus in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Citizens Center, Inc., located at 220-01 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411. The funding would be used to provide a minibuss service to its senior members for assisted transportation.
2. Provide a funding level of \$364,558 for the Youth Development Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Haitian Americans United for Progress, located at 197-17 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423. The funding would be used to support youth leadership and youth workforce programming.
3. Provide a funding level of \$1,275,750 for the History Park Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Black Spectrum Theatre Co. Inc., located at 177-01 Baisley Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11434. The funding would be used to create a pilot program designed to provide an experience for students and

community youth to increase their understanding of important moments in African American history through historical reenactments.

4. Provide a funding level of \$2,400,000 for Neurosurgery and Orthopedic Surgery Operating Room Equipment in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, located at 8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418. The funding would be used to purchase and install neurosurgery and orthopedic surgery operating room equipment.
5. Provide a funding level of \$1,905,000 for the Surgical Robotics System in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, located at 8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418. The funding would be used for the purchase of equipment for a surgical robotics system.
6. Provide a funding level of \$325,000 for the Diabetes Wellness Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center, Inc., located at 6200 Beach Channel Drive, Arverne, NY 11602. The funding would be used to create a Diabetes Wellness Center at its primary site to meet community needs with respect to Type 2 Diabetes.
7. Provide a funding level of \$360,100 for Valley Stream Service Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Long Island Cares, located at 10 Davids Drive - Harry Chapin Way, Hauppauge, NY 11788. The funding would be used for the start-up costs for the creation of the Valley Stream Service Center.
8. Provide a funding level of \$1,000,000 for Emergency Food Programming in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, located at 77 Water Street, 26th floor, New York, NY 10005. The funding would be used to provide an elderly emergency feeding system and provide kosher and halal food items for use at food pantries.
9. Provide a funding level of \$257,000 for the New Ambulance Purchase in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services Inc., located at 42 State Road, Rockaway Point, New York, NY 11697. The funding would be used for the purchase of a new ambulance.
10. Provide a funding level of \$3,381,063 for the Behavioral Health Equity Renovation Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Episcopal Health Services Inc., located at 327 Beach 19th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. The funding would be used for construction costs to improve the Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit at the hospital.
11. Provide a funding level of \$1,000,000 for the Jamaica Y & Rockaway Y Operations Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is YMCA of Greater New York, located at 5 West 63rd Street, New York, NY 10023. The funding would be used to support the Jamaica Y and Rockaway Y to provide programs to youth in the community.

12. Provide a funding level of \$1,267,500 for the Infrastructure Job Preparation of Geology Students in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is York College, CUNY, located at 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, AC-2H07, Jamaica, Queens, NY 11451. The funding would be used to support students, personnel, and the purchase of equipment for its Geology and Environmental Health Sciences program.
13. Provide a funding level of \$850,000 for the Lab for Pharmaceutical Science Workforce Training in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is York College, CUNY, located at 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, AC-2H07, Jamaica, Queens, NY 11451. The funding would be used to create a state-of-the-art Pharmaceutical Analytical Laboratory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gregory W. Meeks". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Gregory W. Meeks  
Member of Congress