



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 10, 2024

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Juvenile Justice Prevention and Education for At-Risk LGBTQ+ Youth Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

First Congregational United Church of Christ
1609 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53726

The funds would support the creation of a Juvenile Justice Prevention and Education program specifically geared toward at-risk LGBTQ+ youth to educate them on the heightened societal risk factors they face, including increased risk of homelessness, drug use, incarceration, and mental health challenges, and to equip them with the tools, resources, and faith-based supports they need to navigate their unique life challenges and stay on the path toward educational success and opportunity. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will help reduce instances of youth involvement in the juvenile justice system.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress