

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0537

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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 funding for the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N Main Street, Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90012

The \$10,000,000 request would help to expand the CIRCLE program within the 37th Congressional District including Koreatown, Boyle Heights, and Crenshaw. CIRCLE is a 24/7 unarmed response program that deploys trained teams to address non-urgent LAPD calls related to unhoused individuals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because CIRCLE teams respond to crisis situations and assist our unhoused neighbors, including trauma-informed care; de-escalation and harm reduction; crisis intervention; transitional age youth cultural competency; Homeless Management Information System; self-care and wellness; and safety, CPR, and first aid. These units are able to assist local law enforcement by relieving much needed resources.

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



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress

