

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3214

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Recidivism Prevention and Re-Entry Services Expansion. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, located at 2 Lafayette St, New York, NY 10007. The funding would be used for targeted development and expansion of violence prevention, mentorship, and anti-recidivism programming at Rikers Island.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in credible messenger-led interventions and builds the capacity of community partners to support rehabilitation and successful reentry. The project would support violence reduction and build long-term community safety.

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



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Member of Congress