

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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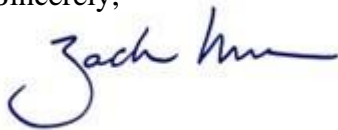
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting that the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$602,834 for the Heart of Iowa Community Services Crisis Intervention Training and Co-Responder Teams project as a Community Project Funding request for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Heart of Iowa Community Services, located at 25747 N Avenue, Suite D Adel, IA 50003. The funding would be used to support the Crisis Intervention Training and Co-responder programming in Iowa's Third Congressional District. Through rigorous training protocols, this project promises to equip responders with the specialized skills necessary to effectively address mental health crises. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because co-responder models, which pair police officers with mental health professionals to respond to dispatch calls, offer numerous benefits to taxpayers. This collaborative approach not only enhances the safety and well-being of individuals in distress but also reduces the likelihood of unnecessary arrests or use of force, ultimately leading to cost savings for taxpayers.

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 that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)