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Chair Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member Kay Granger  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$60,000 for Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) youth empowerment initiatives in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Community Action of Greater Indianapolis Inc. (CAGI), located at 3266 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

The funding would be used to curtail the high rates of violence among Marion County youth (ages 18 to 26, unemployed and lack a high school diploma) who have a propensity to be involved in gun violence by the evidence based program, WeCANN's. WeCANN's purpose is to curtail the high rates of violence among Marion County opportunity youth (ages 18 to 26, unemployed and lack a high school diploma) who reside in ND25 and have a propensity to be involved in gun violence.

This initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the WeCANN's program model has demonstrated success in helping opportunity youth to refrain from committing acts of violence, achieving sustainable employment, and becoming successful, productive members of the community. Scaling this project to serve additional opportunity youth within Marion County will prove to help decrease the occurrences of youth violence and improve public safety for all residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson  
Member of Congress