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Chair Kay Granger
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$250,000 to the Bloom Project, Inc. Power of Tru Colors: Recidivism, Juvenile Delinquency, and Crime Prevention Program for fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bloom Project, Inc. located at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, located at 1433 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The funding would be used by Bloom Project Inc., Power of Tru Colors program to bring together justice involved youth to develop leadership skills, intervention, peer mentoring and civic engagement, in order to prevent further delinquency.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will address juvenile delinquency and crime prevention through an intervention approach with leadership development, peer mentoring, and civic engagement. All of these are evidence-based approaches that contribute to reduced recidivism rates among youth offenders. This program targets serious and violent offenders with the goal of redirecting their trajectory through exposure to a new positive network and community engagement opportunities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress