



April 28, 2021

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you draft fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation, I write to request consideration of the following Community Project Funding request submitted to my office:

Community Bridges (CB) Girls Program

Amount Requested: \$80,000

Recipient: Community Bridges, Inc.

Recipient Address: 8757 Georgia Avenue, Ste. 540 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Purpose: Community Bridges empowers girls from diverse backgrounds to become exceptional students, positive leaders, and healthy young women. CB addresses the developmental needs of immigrant and minority girls and their families living at or below the federal poverty level in Montgomery County, Maryland. Community Bridges offers an array of programs for girls and families, including after-school and out-of-school time, mentoring, and college and career programming. Support from the Community Project will allow Community Bridges to support the needs of under-resourced girls/young women in Montgomery County, MD many of whom currently live at or below the federal poverty level. For girls that are minorities and/or low-income living below the federal poverty level has challenges that are often exacerbated by gender-specific challenges and the challenges of bridging ethnic/ immigrant cultures with the American school experience. With these community demographics comes a need for services that employ a culturally responsive and inter-generational approach focused on the needs of the girls and families in our communities. The CB Girls program encourages girls to realize their potential, embrace their cultural identity and become leaders. In addition, COVID-19 has underscored the need for programs like CB Girls who provide academic support through tutoring, homework club, academic and cognitive testing, extensive college and career prep and access to food resources. Community Bridges has been conducting its programming virtually during the pandemic and supporting girls at a more than 21 schools in Montgomery County. This funding will ensure that CB can continue to work with these girls as they transition to in-person programming and continue wrap around services such as access to food through bi-weekly deliveries.

Justification: This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides positive youth development programming to empower and shape the future women leaders in our community.

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of these requests. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project, and I have made this request publicly available on my website at the following address: <https://raskin.house.gov/appropriations-requests>.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "R".

Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress