



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

Amount Requested: \$495,000

Recipient: Muslim Community Center, Inc.

Recipient Address: 15200 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905

Purpose: The Muslim Community Center (MCC) Medical Clinic provides compassionate and quality health care services to the uninsured and underinsured adult population in Maryland, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or national origin. It serves patients under the Affordable Care Act, uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare patients living in Maryland's 8th District. The number of patients served has grown significantly over the last 18 years, and MCC now faces a problem of insufficient space in which much-needed services can be provided and more patients can be served. In order to meet this increased demand for affordable health care and specialty services in the community, the Clinic needs to expand the current building structure and intends to expand current clinic space by adding mobile trailers. The project will provide additional space and equipment to support the following health initiatives:

- **Behavioral Health:** provide free, immediate, in person or virtual counseling support for anyone experiencing a non-life threatening emotional, mental, family or relationship crisis
- **Counseling Services:** offer professional in person, virtual telehealth outpatient therapy services to adults on a sliding fee basis, regardless of an individual's inability to pay
- **Primary Care:** offer in person, virtual primary, specialty healthcare services for adult patients
- **Mental Health First Aid:** a ten-hour training which educates school social workers and non-mental health professional skills they can use to identify and help someone who is experiencing a mental health problem or crisis
- **Interpreter Services:** bilingual mental health services through Language Line

- Systems Navigation: assist individuals with multiple or intensive needs, helping the individual navigate the complex systems of care

Justification: This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will enable MCC Medical Clinic to strengthen and expand its health care services to address core priorities in mental health, substance abuse, post-COVID illnesses, and patient-centered, coordinated care for the uninsured and underinsured constituents in Maryland's 8th Congressional District and surrounding district residents.

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,



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress