

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Contra Costa Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children Navigators Capacity Building Initiative Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Seneca Family of Agencies, located at 8945 Gold Links Road in Oakland, California 94605.

The funding would be used to help law enforcement agencies improve their identification of child sexual exploitation and better equip them in addressing commercial and sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in Contra Costa County by establishing two CSEC Navigators and a part-time youth partner to bridge systems gaps and build linkages and coordination among stakeholders, including police departments and other law enforcement agencies, the probation system, juvenile courts and judges, behavioral health partners, child welfare partners, community-based organizations, and drop-in centers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by improving the County's identification, prevention, and response to commercial sexual exploitation and strengthening service coordination for CSEC youth and reducing their justice system involvement, it will significantly reduce a range of associated taxpayer burdens, including direct costs related to the legal system and incarceration and indirect costs like lost earning and economic productivity, adverse health effects, and family dependence on social safety net programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress