

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0926

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of \$750,000 for COPS Technology as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Homestead, Florida Police Department located at 45 NW 1 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because as the nation looks for ways to increase police accountability in communities, the City of Homestead's Police Department has undertaken a Body Camera Program and the associated financial responsibilities. This is a big financial undertaking for such a small City, but an important one, nonetheless. The City of Homestead will provide approximately 56% of the costs of the project. Money will be spent on the costs of contracting body worn cameras, and for purchasing and training additional officers on an annual basis as indicated above. The City is in a five-year body camera contract to implement the Homestead Police Department's Body Camera Program, but that contract would be terminated if the City is unable to fund the project.
2. Provide a funding level of \$567,283 for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Florida International University located at 11200 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33199. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because FIU will establish a uniquely capable observation system – the Aquarius Coral Reef Observatory- to monitor ocean temperature, water clarity, water chemistry, and ocean acidification. After the backbone of this system is in place, the monitoring station can be upgraded to include instrumentation for more advanced analyses, like using genetic fingerprinting to search for larvae of endangered species and sophisticated chemical sensors to sniff for signs of pollution events upstream in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico.

3. Provide a funding level of \$2,009,086 for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Miami-Dade Police Department located at 9105 NW 25 Street, Doral, FL 33172. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Operation Safe Ride directly impacts the public safety of residents and visitors using Miami-Dade County's Metrorail and Metromover systems and prioritizes community violence reduction. Additionally, safe mass transportation for the community to travel to and from their jobs and for locals and tourists alike to visit restaurants, shopping districts and area attractions will directly stimulate the economy.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carlos A. Gimenez', with a stylized, flowing script.

Carlos A. Gimenez
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the COPS Technology as a community project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Homestead, Florida Police Department, located at 45 NW 1 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030.

The funding would be used toward the cost of contracting body worn cameras, and for purchasing and training additional officers on an annual basis. The City is in a five-year body camera contract to implement the Homestead Police Department's Body Camera Program, but that contract would be terminated if the City is unable to fund the project. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because as the nation looks for ways to increase police accountability in communities, the City of Homestead's Police Department has undertaken a Body Camera Program and the associated financial responsibilities. This is a big financial undertaking for such a small City, but an important one, nonetheless. The City of Homestead will provide approximately 56% of the costs of the project.

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

Sincerely,



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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$567,283 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University, located at 11200 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33199.

The funding would be used for establishing a uniquely capable observation system – the Aquarius Coral Reef Observatory- to monitor ocean temperature, water clarity, water chemistry, and ocean acidification. After the backbone of this system is in place, the monitoring station can be upgraded to include instrumentation for more advanced analyses, like using genetic fingerprinting to search for larvae of endangered species and sophisticated chemical sensors to sniff for signs of pollution events upstream in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico.

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

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,009,086 for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Miami-Dade Police Department, located at 9105 NW 25 Street, Doral, FL 33172.

The funding would be used for Operation Safe Ride that directly impacts the public safety of residents and visitors using Miami-Dade County's Metrorail and Metromover systems and prioritizes community violence reduction. Additionally, safe mass transportation for the community to travel to and from their jobs and for locals and tourists alike to visit restaurants, shopping districts and area attractions will directly stimulate the economy.

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