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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for United Way of Broward County: Veterans United for Housing in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United Way of Broward County, Inc., they are located at 1300 South Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

The funding would be used to support the purchase of two apartment buildings as well as household furnishings to house more than 50 veterans at a time, serving 250 veterans over 30 years. Included in the project model will be in-kind case management services provided by United Way of Broward County's Mission United program with the goal of assisting Veterans in accessing needed community resources and benefits, supportive services, employment opportunities, and education supports in order to ensure a viable path to self-sufficiency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, based on the 2020 Census, 592 Veterans are "literally homeless" in Broward County. However, it is estimated that a more accurate count will show that the number is closer to 1,894 Veterans, or one in five homeless persons in Broward County, are Veterans of the United States Military. These veterans often fall into the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed category, meaning they would otherwise be unable to receive housing assistance through current VA program requirements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress