

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4320

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mujeres Poderosas: Healing Trauma From Victim/Survivor to Thriver Program in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Young Women's Chirstian Association San Antonio, located at 2318 Castroville Road, San Antonio, TX 78237.

The funding would be used to provide case management and stabilization support to women who have made the courageous decision to escape abuse and violence to start their lives over, moving from trauma and surviving to thriving and self-sufficiency. YWCA- SA (San Antonio) serves women experiencing poverty (150% FPL and below) and who are predominately between the ages of 18 and 25, single and often single heads of households, and parenting or pregnant. YWCA-SA provides trauma-informed services which will provide crisis services, professional therapy, and counseling activities as well as deliver intimate violence prevention training.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project meets activities consistent with the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for the purpose of supporting personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, specifically for:

(C) Prevention and education programs - Participants in YWCA San Antonio's Mujeres Poderosa program will receive education and training on identifying abusive relationships, reporting abuse, recovering from abuse, and teaching children positive, non-violent behavior.

(G) Crime victim and witness programs (not compensation) - Case management and postabuse stabilization support for victims/survivors of interpersonal violence.

(H) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams - to provide mental health intervention to victims/survivors and their children through case management and support services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joaquin Castro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress