

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 23, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Public Safety and Mental Health Program in the fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Miramar, located at 340 Royal Poinciana Way, Suite 317-301, Palm Beach, FL 33480

The funding would be used to provide to ensure trained crisis mental professionals are working in collaboration with law enforcement to reduce deadly encounters. Home to over 3,000 small businesses and corporations, our city is a thriving economic hub in Broward County, Florida. We constantly strive to improve the quality of life for our growing community of over 140,000 residents through strategic community development, economic, and environmental plans. As we have witnessed from mainstream media, law enforcement officers often serve as first responders to most crises and these encounters may result in deadly consequences. According to the nonprofit Treatment Advocacy Center, people suffering from untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed in interactions with law enforcement.

In this appropriations request, this advanced partnership is in line with the mission of the City of Miramar's Police Department to provide a safe and secure environment and enhance the quality of life in the city by working in partnership with the community, providing progressive police services, impartially enforcing laws, preserving peace, and protecting the individual rights of our citizens.

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

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)
Member of Congress