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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$575,000 in funding for Humboldt County Crisis Stabilization Unit Youth Treatment in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is County of Humboldt, located at 825 5th Street, Room 112, Eureka CA 95501.

The project will rehabilitate the county Crisis Stabilization Unit and inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility in order to accommodate the treatment of minors. The county currently has waivers from the California Department of Health Care Services to treat minors on the Crisis Stabilization Unit and inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility but is unable to exercise them due to constraints with the physical layout of the units. Moving the Crisis Stabilization Unit downstairs and converting the vacated space into a wing of the Psychiatric Health Facility available to youth will securely separate minors from adults patients, increase overall bed capacity, optimize bed utilization and allow the county to stay in compliance with the conditions of the waiver from the state DHCS.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The unmet need for youth mental health crisis services is of critical local and national importance. The project is needed in order to treat minors at the county Crisis Stabilization Unit and inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility. Currently, the county must transfer minors out-of-county for inpatient mental health treatment. Transferring minors for costly out-of-county care separates them from their families and support systems, increasing trauma and inhibiting recovery.

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

Sincerely,
Member of Congress



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