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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County Workforce Programs in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County located at 9357 SE Olympus St, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. This \$1,570,000 will support the workforce certification programs offered to teens and young adults in Martin County, Florida.

Martin County faces significant challenges with juvenile crime, including high rates of drug and alcohol use, delinquency, truancy, and school suspensions. In 2022-23, there were 235 juvenile arrests in Martin County, including 73 school arrests – a 59% increase since 2021. Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County provides programs to address these issues by providing a safe, structured environment where youth can engage in positive activities, receive mentorship, and build resilience. These programs deter youth from risky behaviors and support their development.

Providing \$1,570,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County's workforce programs would bolster more than \$1,000,000 already raised or pledged from private and public philanthropy to support this project. Through this support, the Club would annually provide 200 teens and young adults ages 16-24 with workforce certification programs that lead to immediate, gainful employment in high-paying jobs, as well as support 25 full- and part-time employment opportunities in Martin County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Brian Mast  
Member of Congress