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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

"I am requesting \$461,001 in funding for School District of Osceola County (NeoCity) in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is School District of Osceola County located at 1200 Vermont Avenue, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

The funding would be used for NeoCity Academy the School District of Osceola's first STEM magnet high school. This school focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics subjects and provided an immersive learning environment in advanced manufacturing and engineering, biomedical engineering, and cybersecurity.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

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The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County Board of Commissioners, located at 330 W. Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830.

The funding would be used for Polk County Behavioral Outreach Mobile Crisis Team (MCRT) works closely with deputies to assist in crisis intervention of individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder issues and makes direct contact with each individual the Sheriff's Office has enacted a Baker Act within ten(10) days of the individual being admitted to a receiving facility, prioritizing individuals who have been Baker Acted multiple times.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

“I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for City of Kissimmee in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Kissimmee 101 Church Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because due to the current condition of the Berlinsky House, the city has greatly decreased its programming at the facility. Once the improvements are complete, the building will function as a downtown cultural programming destination.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

"I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for City of Orlando Southeast Government Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Orlando located at 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the fastest growing sector of the City of Orlando is the Southeast, which includes the Orlando International Airport, Lake Nona, and Medical City. The funding requested is to assist with the design services for the facility.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

“I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for City of Winter Haven in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Winter Haven located at 451 Third St NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the expansion of available dark fiber to the Intermodal Logistics Development Zone is critical to maximize and expedite targeted job growth, specifically advanced manufacturing and distribution.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

“I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for Valencia College-Poinciana Campus Energy Independence project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Valencia College located at 3255 Pleasant Hill Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Valencia College’s Poinciana Campus was constructed to increase access to higher education for a historically underserved and diverse community. Given the importance of environmental sustainability, the campus was built to support the future installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system to move toward carbon neutrality.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

"I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for Hope Apartments-Motel Conversion in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Hope Partnership Inc. d/b/a Community Hope Center located at 2420 Old Vineland Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because in 2018 the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metropolitan area was deemed the worst in the nation for affordable and available housing for low-income renters by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. There are only nineteen units for every 100 households. The Hope Partnership seeks to purchase a hotel for extensive rehabilitation into attainable apartment units for families experiencing homelessness and poverty in Central Florida.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for City of Haines City Fire Department Services in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Haines City, located at 620 Main Street, Haines City, FL 33844.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new a new fire station to support the rapid development of the city

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

"I am requesting \$800,000 in funding for Lake Wales Street Resurfacing, ADA, and Street Tree Improvements in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lake Wales located at 201 Central Avenue W, Lake Wales, FL 33859

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical need in replacing aging street infrastructure, improves safety, and enhances economic development and redevelopment. The city has carefully assessed the condition of its streets by creating a pavement condition index, that maximizes transportation investment dollars. Additionally, key ADA improvements will be made where the pedestrians walk alongside and cross street to ensure safer mobility for all. Planting a continuous shade street canopy, with trees between 30 to 50 feet apart, can greatly improve the pedestrian experience.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

"I am requesting \$2,500,000 in funding for St. Cloud Reuse Storage Pond Expnsion-Phase 1 in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of St. Cloud located at 1300 9th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because an alternative water supply (AWS) project will help offset and conserve potable water used for irrigation by increasing the City's reuse storage capacity.

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