



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for *Asha Family Services' Violence Prevention Initiative Saving Ourselves, Sisters & Sons (SOS)* project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Asha Family Services, Inc. located at 3719 W. Center Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210.

The funding would be used for to provide evidence based and proven services to *approximately 75–100 individuals* who use or are at high risk of using violence in order to promote safer communities and *support law enforcement and crime prevention goals*. *Services would include* Crisis intervention and de-escalation support, housing referrals where appropriate, behavioral accountability and violence interruption planning, connection to employment and other supportive services that have been proven to effectively reduce incidents.

In undertaking these efforts, Asha maintains strong working relationships with local law enforcement agencies. Police officers frequently refer victims to Asha's culturally specific services and, in some cases, connect victims directly with advocates or transport them to Asha's office for immediate assistance. Asha receives referrals from the FBI Human Trafficking Task Force, the District Attorney, and police providing Asha contact information to victims.

This targeted investment strengthens local public safety infrastructure while leveraging Asha's existing programs, partnerships, and decades of violence prevention experience in Milwaukee. The project will serve neighborhoods with higher rates of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, firearm-related incidents, and economic instability.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the anticipated results of the project are a reduction in high-risk violent incidents, use of effective proven interventions to help individuals at risk of violent escalation, and increased access to behavioral intervention and accountability services. By doing so, the project would strengthen community-public safety collaboration, reduce burden on emergency response and law enforcement systems, and promote greater community safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress