



## 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 \$1.35 million for the Sustaining Public Safety and Victim Safety Outcomes Through the Milwaukee County Domestic Violence High Risk Team project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is *Sojourner Family Peace Center*, located at 619 W Walnut Street, Milwaukee Wisconsin, 53212.

This request would support the Milwaukee County Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT), a countywide multidisciplinary intervention coordinated by Sojourner Family Peace Center to identify and respond to domestic violence cases at greatest risk for homicide or near-fatal violence. The cornerstone of this effort is a memorandum of understanding between the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, among others. Funding will be used to support DVHRT expansion.

A domestic violence high risk team is a best practice recommendation from the U.S. Department of Justice for communities to address domestic violence cases at high risk for homicide. This project is a good use of taxpayer support because as noted by local law enforcement agencies, the local DVHRT strengthens coordinated public safety and victim safety actions in the highest-risk cases. And because domestic violence incidents frequently cross jurisdictional boundaries within Milwaukee County, a strong DVHRT provides an important venue for cross-agency coordination so that victims at highest risk receive consistent safety planning and accountability interventions, regardless of jurisdiction. This project advances a clear federal interest by strengthening coordinated responses to serious violence, improving victim safety outcomes, and reinforcing accountability interventions in high-risk domestic violence cases.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping tail.

Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress