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March 9, 2021

Dear Colleague,

As Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, I want to make you aware of the subcommittee's procedures for receiving Members' programmatic, language, and Community Project Funding submissions for consideration in the fiscal year 2022 appropriations process. Members must transmit submissions to the Subcommittee via electronic form, and in addition must upload a letter to the appropriations submission system confirming those entries.

- The electronic submission system can be found at https://AppropriationsSubmissions.house.gov. The system will be available to accept submissions starting March 29, 2021.
- The deadline for submissions for the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies is 6:00 pm on April 15, 2021.

The Appropriations Committee anticipates moving forward with drafting its bills expeditiously to assure their availability for consideration by the House. As you prepare your submissions, please note the following guidelines:

- All submissions must be made electronically at https://AppropriationsSubmissions.house.gov. Only submissions received electronically will be considered. Hard-copy submissions are not required and will not be accepted.
- Submissions must include an uploaded letter signed by the Member supporting the Member's request. Letters should simply and briefly list and describe each submission. Letters to this subcommittee may be an individual letter for each request, though a single consolidated letter for multiple requests listed in priority order would be preferred. Please note that the Member request website again allows consolidated letters to be uploaded only once, so that a letter with multiple requests should not be uploaded multiple times.
- The electronic system will require Members to assign a priority rank order to all their submissions (programmatic, language and Community Project Funding) for this subcommittee. The Subcommittee will review your priority rankings based on what you entered into the database.
- Additionally, Members can rank their top 10 requests (programmatic and language) across all subcommittees. It is strongly recommended that Members identify their top 10 programmatic and language requests before beginning to enter requests.

• For transparency in the process, Members are required to post their Community Project Funding requests online concurrently with their submission of regular appropriations requests to the Committee. Members are also required to certify that they, their spouse and their immediate family have no financial interest in the Community Project Funding requests that they make. For the Committee to consider a Community Project Funding request, these requirements must be met.

Programmatic and Language Requests: For programmatic and language requests with multiple Member cosponsors, each cosponsor must enter the same request into the online database. In addition, each cosponsor should either scan or upload a copy of the group request letter, or, as noted above, include the group request in a consolidated letter of all the Member's individual requests for the Subcommittee.

The electronic system allows Members to access submissions made in previous years, so you may review those submissions if that is helpful.

Community Project Funding Requests: For community project funding requests, Members can submit up to ten community project funding requests across all eligible subcommittees. The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will accept community project funding requests in the following accounts:

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS Technology and Equipment
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration--Operations, Research, and Facilities
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration--Safety, Security and Mission Services

The subcommittee will not accept community project funding requests in any other account. For these requests, community engagement and support are crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. Additional guidance with specific information about these accounts is <u>attached</u>.

Thank you for your interest in the programs and activities of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. If you have any general questions or require further information, please contact the Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-3351 or via e-mail at CJS.MemberRequests@mail.house.gov Technical questions related specifically to the operation of the system should be directed to the Committee's IT office at (202) 225-2718.

I look forward to working with you as the fiscal year 2022 appropriations process begins.

Sincerely,

Matt Cartwright

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