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## FY 2023 - Community Project Funding Requests

The office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (MI-13) submitted the following requests for **Community Project Funding** for Fiscal Year 2023, listed in no order:

- 1. Proposed Recipient:** City of Westland  
**Project Name:** Repurpose of Marshall Upper Elementary School for a Service & Learning Center in Westland  
**Address of Recipient:** 36300 Warren Road Westland, MI 48185  
**Amount Requested:** \$3,500,000  
**Description of Project:** The funding is intended to renovate and repurpose a vacant school building, Marshall Upper Elementary School, into the City of Westland's first recreation and community center that will provide early childhood learning, STEM programming, senior services and other community and family services for residents.  
**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The recreation and community center will serve 271,790 residents throughout Wayne County to create a space that provides essential learning opportunities for young children, connect seniors to critical human services and shared space for budding entrepreneurs to grow and scale their businesses. The community center will be the intersection of intergenerational programs and services for all City of Westland residents and Wayne County residents all year-round.
- 2. Proposed Recipient:** Redford Township  
**Project Name:** Redford Township Wellness Center  
**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000  
**Address of Recipient:** 15145 Beech Daly Road Redford Township, MI 48239  
**Description of Project:** The project is to build the township's first recreation and wellness center to support the overall health and well-being needs of its residents. This center would ideally include both physical and wellness components, such as a gymnasium, indoor walking track, state of the art fitness facility, classrooms for wellness/health education classes, fitness, and dance rooms. The project will also help to provide sustainable and green infrastructure to support the needs of the project, such as a water retention basin to help with flooding and accessible parking for township residents.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The majority of households in Redford Township are considered low-moderate income, and based on the most recent census data, 50.4 percent of our population is a minority, 11.6 percent is living below the poverty line. Access to opportunities to improve the mental and physical health of residents is limited and often not affordable. By constructing a township owned and operated Recreation and Wellness Center, the township will be better equipped to address the health needs of residents to improve long-term health outcomes.

3. **Proposed Recipient:** Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation

**Project Name:** Grandmont Rosedale Mixed-Use Development for Low-Income Senior Housing and Commercial Space in Detroit

**Address of Recipient:** 19800 Grand River Ave, Detroit MI 48223

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000

**Description of Project:** The funding will contribute to the construction of a mixed-use development that will create both affordable senior housing and space for a family-friendly restaurant and commercial retail space for aspiring entrepreneurs in the community. It will satisfy a key housing need while fostering new commercial opportunities, creating new community gathering space, and eliminating blight at a key intersection of the community's commercial corridor.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** This project will satisfy a key housing need by providing 42 units of affordable senior housing for residents within the community, provide accessible amenities to the neighborhood's residents through new commercial opportunities for growing small businesses, create a community hub and gathering space for year-round programming for all residents, and eliminate a large blight and nuisance on the community's commercial corridor.

4. **Proposed Recipient:** Garden City, MI

**Project Name:** Garden City Community Center Rehabilitation Project

**Address of Recipient:** 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135

**Amount Requested:** \$2,100,000

**Description of Project:** The funding will help to construct a new entrance and an athletic gymnasium at the former Radcliff Junior High School in Garden City to provide social service programs for seniors and youth, as well as provide and host public health programs for residents such as: water filter distribution; the distribution of COVID masks and information as needed; flood damage assessment and reporting; COVID vaccines; COVID testing.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** This center will be accessible and free to all residents within Garden City and surrounding communities. This project will allow Garden City to serve more residents through expanded outreach for services and programs for low-income and special needs residents in the region. The center will house: Meals on Wheels for Homebound Seniors; the Senior Alliance; the Youth Assistance Program for Troubled Youth; and the Youth Prevention Program for At Risk Kids. Also, the expansive community center will offer food services to needy families through Our Home Pantry

Food Bank; the “Emergency Food Assistance Program” to offer different foods to low-income residents; the “Focus Hope” program whereby boxes of food are given out to low-income seniors monthly; and a “community garden”, which will grow food for area residents who do not have access to fresh food or healthy options.

5. **Proposed Recipient:** City of River Rouge

**Project Name:** Beechwood Center Renovation City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan, 13th Congressional District

**Address of Recipient:** 10600 W. Jefferson River Rouge, MI 48218

**Amount Requested:** \$869,500

**Description of Project:** The funding will help to restore the Beechwood Center as the only operating recreation and community youth center for the City of River Rouge. The funding will be essential in restoring the building to address the inefficient systems, collapsing roof that has caused extreme damage on the interior of the building to create a community space for River Rouge’s youth population available all year round.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** Improvements to the Beechwood Center will play a pivotal role in creating a safe place for underserved youth within the community and provide a safe space for the city's children to stay healthy, active, and engaged. It will create and serve as the first hub dedicated for community social and education enrichment activities for youth after school.

6. **Proposed Recipient:** City of Melvindale

**Project Name:** Kessey Fieldhouse and Rouge River Boat Launch Capital Improvements

**Address of Recipient:** 3100 Oakwood Blvd. Melvindale, MI 48122

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Description of Project:** The Kessey Fieldhouse is a community anchor for the city of Melvindale that provides indoor and outdoor recreational activities through the facility and its access to the Rouge River. The much-needed improvements will help to ensure that the boat launch to Rouge River is ADA compliant for residents that increases the public safety for all as well as improve the space for indoor activities which provides recreational sports and senior transportation services and events

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The facility will serve not only Melvindale residents but also other neighboring communities for several recreation sporting events for young adults and families, in addition to the weekly senior services (i.e. transportation, food program and more). This will also allow the City of Melvindale to further the partnership with Friends of the Rouge to provide more safe and accessible programming for families who would like to enjoy the beauty of our region’s Blueway.

7. **Proposed Recipient:** Wayne County

**Project Name:** City of Ecorse Southfield Road Pedestrian Improvement Project

**Address of Recipient:** 500 Griswold Street, 28th Floor Detroit, MI 48226

**Amount Requested:** \$600,000

**Description of Project:** The City of Ecorse Southfield Road Pedestrian Improvement Project is a public space place-based infrastructure project to improve the pedestrian Right-of-Way along the half mile stretch of Southfield Road between the city boundary to the west and the railroad crossing to the east, the traditional downtown or traditional commercial center in Ecorse. Wayne County has jurisdiction over this section of Right-of-Way in the City of Ecorse. The project, a partnership between Wayne County and the City of Ecorse, includes improvements (i.e. modifications, renovations, alterations) to the public Right-of-Way, sidewalks and crosswalks and the addition of pedestrian-scale enhancements (i.e. benches, light poles and fixtures, trees and vegetation, and trash receptacles). The intent of the project is to improve walkability and promote improved health outcomes and stimulate the rehabilitation of vacant and underutilized commercial properties along Southfield Road. It is responsive to the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The Southfield Road Pedestrian Improvement Project is responsive to the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on a community disproportionately affected. The project, which advances the City of Ecorse's Vision and Priorities, improves the walkability of Southfield Road and promotes improved health outcomes, especially for the nearly 14,000 residents within a 1-mile radius of the project area, stimulates the activation and rehabilitation of vacant and underutilized commercial properties along Southfield Road to grow the community's tax base, and incorporates Universal Design so that the pedestrian right-of-way can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability.

8. **Proposed Recipient:** Covenant Community Care, Inc.

**Project Name:** Covenant at Gardenview Estates

**Address of Recipient:** 559 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48216

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Description of Project:** Covenant has operated a small health clinic at 18917 Joy Rd in Detroit for nearly eight years that has limited their ability to expand services. The project will provide funding to complete construction on a 10,000 square foot health center building at 17625 Joy Road which will more than triple clinical footprint in the community. The new clinic will offer primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to the Cody-Rouge neighborhood and surrounding communities.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** Covenant's new building will increase access to healthcare services (particularly dental care that is not offered at their current clinic) to people living in a part of Detroit that is designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Health Professional Shortage Area (medical, dental, and mental health professionals) and a Medically Underserved Area. This project will strengthen the health safety net in Cody-Rouge and the surrounding areas with a capacity to serve 10,000 patients.

9. **Proposed Recipient:** American Indian Health & Family Services

**Project Name:** American Indian Health & Family Services New Facility & Campus for Health and Wellbeing

**Address of Recipient:** 4880 Lawndale St., Detroit, MI 48210

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Description of Project:** The project will help to construct a 20,000 sq. ft. New Facility & Campus for Health and Wellbeing to help strengthen and enhance the whole community. Once completed, this project will offer a place in the community where families can access medical services, dental, behavioral health, infant, youth, community health services in one location. The goal is to build up holistically healthy individuals and neighborhoods that are connected to their culture for strength and healing. This facility will create belonging, honor the environment, make people feel safer, and improve wellness on multiple levels.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** This project will allow American Indian Health & Family Services to continue to serve the 55,000 Urban Native American individuals living in the seven-county region of SE Michigan and expand their services to more families. In addition, the new facility will provide more services to patients and clients that are underserved from the surrounding Southwest Detroit neighborhoods. The New Facility & Campus for Health and Wellbeing will be a community anchor which will improve the health and the quality of life of residents of the neighborhood near Michigan and Livernois with outdoor recreational amenities to complement the essential services of a medical clinic with pharmacy, dentistry, and imaging, including mammograms and x-rays.

10. **Proposed Recipient:** City of Highland Park

**Project Name:** Complete the Multi-Service Facility for Health and Human Services Project in Highland Park

**Address of Recipient:** 12050 Woodward Avenue Highland Park, MI 48203

**Amount Requested:** \$496,000

**Description of Project:** The facility is an essential partner in preventing the spread of the coronavirus and promoting the overall health and wellbeing of residents. Funding for this project would be used to upgrade the facility to meet all Health and Safety guidelines, make activities ADA accessible, and update outdated equipment so that the city can continue to offer health and wellness services to all residents. The funding will also increase access to preventative measures including health and fitness resources, dance classes, cardio equipment, walking clubs etc.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** This project will provide children and adults with a complete facility that promotes physical fitness, wellness, and community well-being. The lack of physical fitness has resulted in life-long health and economic challenges. With the closing of the Highland Park Health Department, the Highland Park Recreation Center serves as the sole health & wellness hub of the community. As such, they provide health services and preventative health measures for the community.

11. **Proposed Recipient:** Dearborn Heights Libraries

**Project Name:** Dearborn Heights Library- Computer and Electronics Infrastructure Replacement and Mobile Book Services

**Address of Recipient:** 24590 George Ave, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

**Amount Requested:** \$206,000

**Description of Project:** Funding would be used for expanding service to the Dearborn Heights community by improving access to digital resources and book services. Computers at our library branches would be upgraded and switches improved so machines that have fallen into disrepair would be replaced. In addition, funding would be used for the expansion of three core programs 1) Great Crates, 2) Craft Boxes 3) Purchase of ESL/Foreign Language Materials. Lastly, the funding would be used to expand the Dearborn Heights Bookmobile program to reach more students.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** Library service models are changing. Getting out into the community is needed more than ever before for services at all levels of government. COVID exacerbated an already challenging paradigm in this regard, as families were forced to stay home to their safety. The Dearborn Heights Libraries navigated policies allowing service to various degrees, but this funding will allow the library to make efforts to change how services are offered and make these essential resources and programs available to all families and students no matter where they are.

12. **Proposed Recipient:** The Health Unit on Davison Avenue (The HUDA Clinic)

**Project Name:** The HUDA Clinic Improvement Project

**Address of Recipient:** 13240 Woodrow Wilson St. Detroit, MI 48238

**Amount Requested:** \$281,200

**Description of Project:** The HUDA Clinic (Health Unit on Davison Avenue) is a non-profit free clinic that serves the Detroit Metro area and greater southeast Michigan by providing free comprehensive healthcare services to those who are uninsured or underinsured. The HUDA Clinic is requesting funding for capital investment to upgrade the clinic and make major repairs in and outside of the clinic's property.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The HUDA Clinic is an essential institution in providing free quality primary care services and other preventative health measures to families in need. HUDA clinic's project will allow service expansion for their most requested specialty services, specifically dental. Funding will also help to provide preventive care and dental work to treat more patients in need of this free service. In addition to dental care, The HUDA Clinic provides critical health services to underserved populations, bridging the gap for health disparities in the district. By increasing access to healthcare and improving health equity through the capital improvements HUDA Clinic will help to lower emergency department visits.

**13. Proposed Recipient:** Wayne County, MI

**Project Name:** Rehabilitation and Upgrade of Pump Station 182

**Address of Recipient:** 33809 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Description of Project:** This project is part of a 10-year asset management plan to rehabilitate and upgrade 41 pump stations in Wayne County. Funding will be used to upgrade this pump station with higher pump capacity, upgrade electrical, mechanical, and structural components.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The pump station improvements will help to reduce flooding issues due to aging infrastructure. The technological advantages of today's pump stations make replacement a good option for aging units, especially when severe weather strikes that can devastate communities and destroy homes. By making the improvements and upgrades to Pump Station 182, it will improve flood control within the 13th District and Wayne County.

**14. Proposed Recipient:** City of Romulus

**Project Name:** Romulus Small Business Assistance & Workforce Development Project

**Address of Recipient:** 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Description of Project:** This project will assist Romulus' small business owners struggling to rebound financially post-pandemic, attract small / micro businesses and entrepreneurial investment into the struggling downtown area, and engage in workforce development support programs for Romulus residents and businesses.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** This project will support 3 core areas: business retention, business incubation for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses, and workforce development to address the economic disparity and income inequality in Romulus and the region. The project will uplift and support minorities, youth, individuals with disabilities and the unemployed within the City of Romulus and the Detroit Aerotropolis Region have equitable access to new economic development opportunities.

**15. Proposed Recipient:** City of Detroit

**Project Name:** Joe Louis Greenway West Chicago Connector

**Address of Recipient:** 2 Woodward Ave Suite 1126 Detroit, MI 48226

**Amount Requested:** \$1,386,216.00

**Description of Project:** The West Chicago Connector project includes construction of non-motorized facilities along West Chicago, Cloverlawn Avenue, and Oakman Boulevard, for approximately one quarter of a mile. Included in the construction are ADA features, improved lighting, and Wi-Fi. This connection will increase safety for non-motorized users, generate economic activity, remove blight, and increase mobility for the immediate underserved population.

**Impact for the 13<sup>th</sup> District:** The Joe Louis Greenway is a once-in-a-generation initiative to unite four municipalities in Southeast Michigan with a 29-mile loop at the center of our region, extending the quality-of-life benefits most seen in the downtown core out to the neighborhoods where its impact will be transformational. The Joe Louis

Greenway significantly expands the region's bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, directly impacting City of Detroit Council Districts 2, 6, 7, and 5 along with the City of Highland Park. In addition, the Joe Louis Greenway will connect to the Iron Belle Hiking, benefiting Ecorse and River Rouge. This project is a step towards beginning to address years of disinvestment in this area and providing opportunities for economic development in the immediate neighborhoods.