

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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March 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake County Prevention Ecosystem in Leadville, Colorado, in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Westminster, located at 735 US Hwy 24, Leadville, CO 80461.

This Community Project Funding request would support a countywide, data-informed substance use and crime prevention coalition led by Lake County Public Health Agency (LCPHA). Substance use prevention efforts within this coalition explicitly include opioid misuse prevention, early intervention related to prescription opioid exposure, and community-based strategies that reduce progression to illicit opioid and fentanyl use. The project serves as the primary funding mechanism for Lake County's coordinated substance use and crime prevention coalition, ensuring agencies operate through a shared prevention strategy rather than parallel programs. Establishing this coordinated framework allows Lake County to sustain the prevention ecosystem beyond the federal investment through braided funding sources and ongoing partner collaboration.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 cursive script that reads "Brittany Petterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brittany Petterson
Member of Congress