Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Police Go Team Critical Services and Expansion in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI), located at 134 Thurbers Avenue, Providence, RI 02905.

This funding will support FSRI’s Police Go Team, which provides trauma-trained clinicians and liaisons to partner with police to respond, on-scene, to children and families exposed to violence. The objective of the Police Go Team is to prevent the consequences of traumatic events in the lives of children and adults in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls via immediate social service response to violent crime. The collective trauma of COVID-19, and its acute impacts in diverse communities, has heightened the demand for assistance through FSRI Police Go Teams. At the same time, the Police Go Team provides a trauma-informed program that can help bring law enforcement and community members together. This funding will help FSRI Police Go Teams meet increased demand in their service cities for immediate assistance in response to domestic violence, sexual assaults, and other crime scenes, as well as mental health crises. Current funding limitations prevent full implementation of the Police Go Team model, and additional resources will address the increased need for more staff, particularly those clinically trained and capable of addressing more complex issues.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

David Cicilline
Member of Congress