April 27, 2022

Dear Appropriations Committee Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $2,230,000 in funding for the renovation of a 33-bed AADAP Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility for Adults to expand outpatient services and enhance ADA Compliance in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Asian American Drug Abuse Prevention, Inc. (AADAP), located at 2900 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90016. The project location is 5318 Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

Founded in 1972, AADAP has a half-century of success in providing effective, life-changing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment. Their success is due, in part, to their ability to provide culturally and linguistically sensitive services and counseling across the range of populations represented in Los Angeles, and to their location in the heart of an area heavily affected by poverty and addiction. Their highly-trained workforce includes staff with lived experience of the challenges faced by their patients, and their broad range of services, from direct treatment to workforce training to family counseling assures that they treat the whole person, for lasting success in SUD recovery.

The proposal to better use existing AADAP property and to increase the number of beds at AADAP’s Treatment Clinic located in South Los Angeles (SPA 6) will take a step toward meeting the need of the growing number of individuals seeking treatment.

The AADAP program provides SUD treatment for individuals with addiction to stimulants, opioids, alcohol and other drugs within a safe and structured environment. This is an excellent use of taxpayer funds because, as the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has indicated, the financial savings that come with SUD treatment far outweigh the costs in the absence of treatment. Even though there are a wide range of addiction treatment programs available in the United States, these programs do not fully meet the need, and patients with disabilities have even fewer options. Expanding the number of beds and making the facility more accessible for those with disabilities is aimed at addressing a small piece of this shortage.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Bass
Member of Congress