



KAREN BASS
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
37TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

April 28, 2021

Dear Appropriations Committee Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$220,000 in funding for Brotherhood Crusade and 2nd Call: Answering the Second Call—A Holistic, Culturally-Responsive, Trauma-Informed Re-Entry Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade, Black United Fund, Inc., located at 200 E. Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011. The project location is 4401 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

This project will expand and enhance the re-entry and anti-recidivism services of two pioneering and highly-effective organizations in South Los Angeles: Brotherhood Crusade and 2nd Call. The Answering the Second Call project combines the proven strategies of both organizations into a holistic, culturally-responsive, trauma-informed re-entry program that addresses and engages the whole person who may be returning from incarceration or who has had significant involvement in the juvenile and/or criminal justice systems. 2nd Call has spent years moving people from incarceration to successful careers, offering support and services, including, job readiness, life skills, court approved anger management, parenting and domestic violence programs that promote positive growth and post-release mentorship. Brotherhood Crusade's nationally-recognized Proud to be Me Trauma-Informed Anti-Recidivism Initiative creates Resilient Residents who have the support and resources to: meet their basic needs; understand the personal, social, economic and societal forces that have shaped their lives so far; and move in a different direction for themselves and their families.

Within 12 months of successful graduation from the Answering the Second Call program, recidivism rates among graduating Resilient Residents will have been reduced by 70% as measured by official probation, parole and court records and graduates will be viable contributing members of their communities as indicated by focus group, case study, and stakeholder survey results. Both organizations have deep roots in the communities they serve, which further enhances their positive outcomes for their participants and the surrounding community. Expanding the use of proven strategies to avoid the high costs of crime and re-incarceration constitute a wise investment of taxpayer funds.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Karen Bass
Member of Congress