



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 \$250,000 in funding for the AADAP Olympia Academy Residential Treatment Program for Pregnant and Parenting Women in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Asian American Drug Abuse Prevention (AADAP), located at 2900 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90016. The project location is 5825 Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

The Olympia Academy will offer much-needed Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) treatment program that will allow families to remain together and supported as mothers work to overcome SUD, while protecting and enhancing the lives of some of Los Angeles most vulnerable children. The AADAP-owned facility is currently in the process of renovation for use as an adult facility for women and their children, with completion expected by the end of 2021. Funds from this request will support the start-up costs for this program, including hiring and training of staff, furnishing the facility, outreach, promotion, and purchase of equipment.

Very few facilities serve this population in LA County, while thousands of women have lost custody of their children due to SUD problems. AADAP has a strong track record of reuniting families in South Los Angeles. These funds would allow them to expand their most intensive therapeutic community approach. This program will provide SUD treatment for individuals with addiction to stimulants, opioids, alcohol and other drugs within a safe and structured environment while supporting them to care for their children. The cost in taxpayer funds of supporting a woman through treatment and recovery while maintaining connections to her children is a small fraction of the cost of years of foster care, not to mention the costs of continued addiction without adequate treatment.

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".

Karen Bass
Member of Congress