



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

April 30, 2021

Dear Appropriations Committee Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Jenesse Center Healthy Family and Community Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Jenesse Center located at 3671 Stocker Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

The Jenesse Center Healthy Family and Community Project aims to create a 24-hour drop-in center where Jenesse can expand the number of people it serves by up to 30% with its proven programs for preventing domestic violence and aiding domestic violence (DV) survivors. Funds will support purchase and renovation of a facility where Jenesse can offer its current programming to a wider group of people. Like most DV survivor service providers, Jenesse does not make public the location of its residential properties for the security of the residents, who often face ongoing threats from their abusers. Jenesse's current offices do not offer the space or the type of access that would be needed for a 24-hour drop-in center. Making its services available on a drop-in basis would, among other things, address the fact that people subject to intimate partner violence often have needs that do not conform to regular business hours, and may need to build relationships of trust in order to exit their situations. Services to be offered would include: addressing behavioral wellness; handling legal concerns through their Legal Services Program; increasing youth development through their Outreach and Engagement Program; expanding vocational support to ensure economic security through their Workforce & Entrepreneurial Program; and reducing homelessness among DV survivors through their Permanent Housing Assistance Program.

Incidence of domestic violence, already high in South Los Angeles, has increased dramatically with lockdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Jenesse's progressive programming is proven to help provide safety to survivors of DV, remove economic barriers faced by survivors, and reduce homelessness. Research estimates the economic cost of intimate partner violence at nearly \$3.6 trillion at a population level, making the expansion of effective programs that break the cycle of domestic violence an excellent use 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 name "Karen" and last name "Bass" clearly legible.

Karen Bass
Member of Congress