



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

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$600,000 in funding for the PCS Castle Substance Abuse Treatment Program renovation project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is People Coordinated Services of Southern California, Inc. located at 1221 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006. The project location is 3021 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

The funding would be used for renovation and upgrade of a venue where PCS provides wrap-around substance use disorder (SUD) counseling and treatment services to clients and their families. The building, constructed in 1948 with some subsequent additions, serves hundreds of people per week but is in urgent need of attention. The proposed project will lower operating costs, support employees and enhance the treatment and recovery experience for clients and their families by: 1) making better, more appropriate use of available space and creating more comfortable work areas; 2) improving handicap accessibility; 3) upgrading outdated electrical, HVAC, computer and phone systems and increasing energy efficiency; 4) allowing space for community meetings and staff training; 5) enhancing use of technology for staff and clients; and 6) strengthening a sense of community among all of the building's users.

The incidence of SUD has increased dramatically in recent years. PCS provides both treatment and prevention services, services which can reduce homelessness, crime, health care costs, and losses to the economy from lost wages and jobs. This vital investment will save taxpayer dollars while reducing human suffering and rebuilding lives.

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" in a cursive, flowing script.

Karen Bass
Member of Congress