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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairman,  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member,  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY2024) appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of \$5,000,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Panama City Beach to improve the city's potable water system. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this program includes risk minimization, resiliency, reliability, and capacity to serve future growth in the east and extreme western portions of the city's utilities franchise area. Developing alternate parallel transmission mains provides reliability should one main be compromised by malicious act or component failure. Additional capacity of these redundant mains will also function to meet future growth needs of the city which are currently increasing rapidly.
2. Provide a funding level of \$2,700,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Tallahassee International Airport (TLH). The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will support economic development. The project will provide design, engineering, permitting, and construction services, and will incorporate improvements to the terminal apron including rehabilitation of the existing concrete pavement and joint seals, improvements to the drainage system, and lighting and electrical improvements.
3. Provide a funding level of \$1,500,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Endeavor Forward, Inc. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this organization supports adults with disabilities to increase community involvement by these individuals.
4. Provide a funding level of \$1,200,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is One Gadsden Foundation. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a multipurpose center aimed at helping at risk teens in the community.

5. Provide a funding level of \$5,000,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Florida State University, to fund a next generation wind tunnel facility. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would support critical scientific advancement in high velocity situations, which is important for aeronautical development.
6. Provide a funding level of \$1,100,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Defuniak Springs Municipal Airport. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the program would construct an expanded runway which will support a projected 35 percent increase in air traffic while safely providing aircraft taxi and parking space. This project would economically benefit DeFuniak Springs and Walton County by leveraging 54J's assets to meet growing demands for point-to-point air mobility.
7. Provide a funding level of \$600,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Blountstown to fund the construction of a new City Hall building. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide critical community infrastructure that would better allow city officials to provide citizens with high quality services.
8. Provide a funding level of \$1,000,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is The Gulf County Board of Commissioners to fund a floating dry dock. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will support critical economic development in the entire region.
9. Provide a funding level of \$3,000,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the America Second Harvest of Big Bend. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide critical infrastructure to support an organization focused on bettering food security.
10. Provide a funding level of \$500,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Walton County Board of County Commissioners to fund the Choctawhatchee Bay and River Basin Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Study. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help restore an important economic driver in the community.
11. Provide a funding level of \$1,500,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to fund the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide vital emergency infrastructure that would help the community in times of disaster.
12. Provide a funding level of \$900,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Midway Florida to fund the Midway Police Department Facility. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would improve police facilities and increase public safety in the community.

13. Provide a funding level of \$383,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Town of Campbelltown and will fund equipment for the Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Department. The project would provide a valuable fire response resource that would make the community safer.
14. Provide a funding level of \$800,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Leon County to fund the Monticello Water Line Replacement Project. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would ensure that harmful wastewater is diverted away from Lake Jackson.
15. Provide a funding level of \$350,000 for a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Monticello Florida Fords Arm Restoration. The project would upgrade vital water lines and ensure a safe supply of clean water.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress