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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$794,000 in funding for the Hayward Evaluation and Response Teams (HEART) Program in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hayward, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

The funding would be used to improve crisis response and access to medical, mental health, substance abuse, and other support services and reduce the need for police officers to intervene in calls for service involving people experiencing mental illness, substance-use disorders, and homelessness. The Hayward community needs new first-responder programs serve individuals experiencing behavioral health crises and ensure public safety.

At least 20 percent of police calls for service involve a mental health or substance use crisis, a demand that has grown over the past two years of a global pandemic and national unrest. There is an urgent need for increased collaboration between crisis care systems and law enforcement if we are to properly address mental health crisis response. Referring individuals to appropriate mental health resources, and following up on their progress, takes personnel, time, and resources that already strained police departments like Hayward's.

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

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress