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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Benton County Crisis Respite Center in the amount of \$1,000,000 within the Committee's Community Project Funding effort in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Benton County, located at 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333.

The funding would be used to transform the existing Board of Commissioners/Administration office into a Crisis Respite Center. This building will be vacated by September 30th of this year as these offices transition to a different facility. According to Benton County's Criminal Justice Assessment that was conducted in 2017, a Crisis Respite Center is a significant missing element in the community. A Crisis Respite Center would serve as a place to care for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis and would provide stabilization services, in-patient options, as well as linking patients to community-based treatment options. This center would provide relief to the local emergency room and the county jail, which has very limited capacity.

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

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress