

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT &
REFORM

VICE CHAIR - SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
& CIVIL LIBERTIES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL
SERVICES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY
& INCLUSION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT
& INVESTIGATIONS

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS,
FORESTS & PUBLIC LANDS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RASHIDA TLAIB
13TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

CAPITOL OFFICE
1628 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(PHONE) (202) 225-5126
(FAX) (202) 225-9985

DETROIT CENTRAL
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER
7700 2ND AVE.
DETROIT, MI 48202
(PHONE) (313) 463-6220

(WEBSITE) www.TLAIB.HOUSE.GOV
(EMAIL) RASHIDA@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

FY 2022 - Community Project Funding Requests

The office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (MI-13) submitted the following requests for **Community Project Funding** for Fiscal Year 2022, listed in no particular order:

- Proposed Recipient:** Boys & Girls of Southeastern Michigan
Project Name: Improvements to Fauver-Martin Club for the benefit of Highland Park
Address of Recipient: 26777 Halsted Road, Suite 100 Farmington Hills, MI 48331-3560
Amount Requested: \$2,000,00
Description of Project: The funding is intended to be used for the improvement of the Fauver-Martin Club in Highland Park. renovations will include (1) a laundromat, a barber salon, a DJ recording studio, a Café/Snack Bar, and a test kitchen, all of which will be revenue producing, workforce development opportunities and small business incubator space for startups and entrepreneurs.
Impact for the 13th District: This federal funding will dramatically change the landscape of the Highland Park community of the 13th District and will enable its youth to once and for all confront and break the cycle of poverty that has hindered previous generations.
- Proposed Recipient:** City of Inkster
Project Name: Inkster Senior Wellness Center
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000
Address of Recipient: 26215 Trowbridge St, Inkster, MI 48141
Description of Project: The funding is intended to be used for the construction of a Senior Wellness Center in the City of Inkster, Michigan. The facility will provide a dedicated space for Inkster senior residents to gather for programming, entertainment, services and more.
Impact for the 13th District: According to the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey there are over 4,252 seniors residing in Inkster. This project will create a much-needed facility for our senior citizens to gather for leisure and entertainment. We will create a bridge facility between our seniors and general population where we will host family driven events. This project will inspire and boost

the morale of the city the addition to the Recreation center will stabilize the area and increase motorized traffic and walkability making the area safer.

- 3. Proposed Recipient:** City of Wayne
Project Name: Gourdy Ampitheater Project
Address of Recipient: 3355 S Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184
Amount Requested: \$550,000.00
Description of Project: Restoring the Gourdy Amphitheater, which provides a space for events, music, art and cultural experiences in the City of Wayne, Michigan.
Impact for the 13th District: The amphitheater not only provides a space for events, music, art and cultural experiences, it is also a tremendous creative and communal space that is inclusive, diverse, progressive and inspiring to so many. This venue also brings patrons into the downtown area when events are held. When patrons spend their money in the downtown that in turn is helping the local businesses. Prior to the pandemic, when the Concert's in the Park were in progress during the months of July and August, the amphitheater drew thousands to the downtown weekly. The local establishments did directly benefit from this influx of activity in the downtown area.
- 4. Proposed Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
Project Name: Ecorse Creek, Wayne County, Michigan
Address of Recipient: U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226-2550
Amount Requested: \$1,422,000
Description of Project: This request will fund the design portion of a flood risk management project that will be located in the North Branch of Ecorse Creek. Flooding along the North Branch of Ecorse Creek has had a significant negative community impact on residents over the past 40 years. The Ecorse Creek watershed has impacted thousands of residents in the Dearborn Heights Community and has made over 14,000 structures vulnerable to floods every year. This project would have significant cost benefits not only for the municipalities who have provided emergency response to address the flooding, but also significant savings for so many residents who absorb the economic impact as a result of the flooding.
Impact for the 13th District: Residents in the Dearborn Heights community will have an improved quality of life for residents by restoring economic resiliency and by providing a safer and hazardous free community.
- 5. Proposed Recipient:** Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
Project Name: The Detroit Energy Efficiency and Home Improvement Program
Address of Recipient: 28 W. Adams Ave, Suite 710 Detroit, MI 48226
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000.00
Description of Project: The Detroit Energy Efficiency and Home Improvement Program will significantly scale the availability of safety and health-focused home energy

efficiency improvements to low-income homeowners in the 13th District by providing energy efficiency and home repairs to program participants.

Impact for the 13th District: The repair and weatherization of homes through this program represents an opportunity to address housing insecurity in the Detroit and put Detroiters to work in their own communities.

6. Proposed Recipient: ProsperUs Detroit Micro Lending

Project Name: ProsperUS Detroit Micro Lending

Address of Recipient: 5716 Michigan Ave. Suite 3000 Detroit, MI 48210

Amount Requested: \$1,155,000

Description of Project: The funding is intended to be used for the expansion of ProsperUS and its innovative new programming that supports entrepreneurs and small business development in the 13th Congressional District– including the City of Inkster. Funding of \$1,155,000 will support accelerated growth of its access to capital and business assistance programs and the Anchor Business Support Project. The programs will support emerging and experienced neighborhood businesses.

Impact for the 13th District: This program will help play a pivotal role by serving as an entry point for entrepreneurs of color into the business support and access-to-capital ecosystems in neighborhoods across the 13th Congressional District.

7. Proposed Recipient: Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.

Project Name: Ruth Ellis Center on Clairmount (REC Center)

Address of Recipient: 77 Victor Street Highland Park, MI 48203

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Description of Project: The funding is intended to be used for The Ruth Ellis Center which will fill a significant need in the 13th District for safe, affordable, identity-affirming housing for multiply marginalized black and brown residents of Detroit, with a focus on those who identify as LGBTQ+ between the ages of 18 to 30 and people living with HIV.

Impact for the 13th District: The Ruth Ellis Center will fill a significant need in the 13th District for safe, affordable, identity-affirming housing for multiply marginalized black and brown residents of Detroit, with a focus on those who identify as LGBTQ+ between the ages of 18 to 30 and people living with HIV. The REC Center represents a significant reinvestment in the District and is intended to be a community-wide amenity. This project will also likely spark additional reinvestment in the community.

8. Proposed Recipient: Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, Inc.

Project Name: Wayne-Westland Build Your Future: Pathways to The Workforce

Address of Recipient: 25363 Eureka Road Taylor, MI 48180

Amount Requested: \$848,400

Description of Project – Purpose and Why It is an Appropriate Use of Taxpayer Funds: Wayne-Westland Build Your Future: Pathways To The Workforce proposed program is designed to address the community need for an integrated career readiness system

through a unique partnership between the District, the cities of Westland, Wayne, and Inkster; local chambers, and SEMCA, the local Workforce Board for Out-Wayne County. Together, these partners will establish a targeted work-based learning career pathways program, which meets multiple students, district and community needs. This program aligns and supports Michigan's Going PRO campaign. The program will target 300 at-risk students in grades 8-10 (minimum of 14 years) who attend Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Impact for the 13th District: With this program, our young residents will have increased access to work-based learning opportunities which allow them to successfully obtain future employment opportunities.

9. **Proposed Recipient:** Urban Neighborhoods Initiatives

Project Name: Southwest Detroit Creative Connections Collaborative

Address of Recipient: 8300 Longworth St, Detroit, MI 48209

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Description of Project: The Creative Connections Collaborative will stimulate regional economic and creative capital through the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure and construction/renovation of indoor/outdoor community spaces where residents build businesses, develop and nurture creative and entrepreneurial networks, and non-profits provide programming focused on community, youth, art and culture.

Impact for the 13th District: Funding this proposal will impact more than 10,000 current residents of the 13th district, build and/or construct 41,000 square feet of affordable housing, co-work office space, individual business storefronts, non-profit program space for youth and community work, and develop two acres of outdoor space as green infrastructure for parking, recreation, community gatherings/events and gardens.

10. **Proposed Recipient:** Warren-Connor Development Coalition, Inc. (dba Eastside Community Network)

Project Name: Stoudamire Wellness HUB

Address of Recipient: 4401 Conner Detroit, MI 48215

Amount Requested: \$1.7 million

Description of Project: Eastside Community Network seeks to transform our headquarters into The Stoudamire Wellness HUB (The Stoudamire) for residents on Detroit's Eastside, to support the nine dimensions of wellness and enhance and promote resilience to climate health inequities caused by air pollution, heat and cold emergencies, and power outages. Initial offerings will include a wellness screening and education room, a job training center, a high speed, digital tech hub, an art room, a fitness room, a dance studio, a podcasting studio, a teen center and a community meeting room. The space will feature solar plus storage energy, green infrastructure, a composting project, urban gardening, and meeting space. Additional wellness practices will be added, and offerings will be modified in response to community feedback.

Impact for the 13th District: This project will demonstrate an effective approach to helping a community overcome health inequity caused by climate change and structural

determinants of health, concentrated poverty, and social isolation to name a few of the significant issues. Within much of the target community there are no full-service libraries, no recreation centers, no arts and dance classes and very limited access to broadband and computers.