



Congressman Don Bacon
Second Congressional District of Nebraska

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Encompass Omaha: A Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Omaha, located at 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 300 Omaha, NE 68183. The funding would be used for a collaboration of University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine and Nebraska Medicine leadership proposes continued support for a hospital-based violence intervention program, Encompass Omaha, to reduce violence including violent reinjury, risk of community violence and costs incurred by the public from violence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project specifically addresses an area of emphasis (Community Based Violence Intervention Approaches) highlighted by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Further, it emphasizes strategic coordination between law enforcement, health/mental healthcare systems, community-based organizations, stakeholders, and communities most impacted by crime and violence.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Bacon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Member of Congress