



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

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Expanding Vera French's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vera French Community Mental Health Center, located in Davenport, IA.

The funding for this project will be used to provide evidence-based care through community partnerships to 25 additional individuals with complex mental health needs by utilizing court-ordered participation and judicial monitoring. Through this, this project will aim to reduce the burden of community resources on Scott County and provide real treatment to these individuals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by funding an evidence-based intervention like ACT shown to work in partnership with both law enforcement & the courts, this project is a more strategic use of limited taxpayer funds to greatly limit these substantial public expenses while protecting the health and safety of our law enforcement professionals. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.  
Member of Congress