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INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION FY20 REQUESTS

Dear Chairs Shelby and Lowey, Vice Chair Leahy, and Ranking Member Granger:

We are writing to request that you include the attached funding and language provisions which would help drive federal funds toward what works in the FY'20 Appropriations Committees' bills and reports for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies. To provide a complete picture of our funding priorities, we have also included mandatory funding priorities for the evidence-based policies and programs we support.

Our nation continues to face severe budget constraints at all levels of government as well as enormous social and economic shifts. These factors, combined with an increasingly globally competitive workforce, require us to invest taxpayer dollars in the most effective and efficient manner possible. In past years, federal Appropriations Acts have included an unprecedented commitment to evidence-based, results-driven solutions, but much more needs to be done. In particular, we must increasingly prioritize evidence of effectiveness when allocating federal [competitive](#) and [non-competitive](#) grant competitions, to ensure that scarce federal resources are invested in solutions and grantees with proven track records.

We thank you for your previous support and the positive steps you have taken toward building a strong evidence-based, results-driven federal policy agenda. We are requesting that you reaffirm your commitment to improving outcomes for all Americans by incorporating the attached recommendations in the relevant FY'20 appropriations bills and committee reports.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Mayor Jenny Durkan, City of Seattle, WA
Executive Marc Elrich, Montgomery County, MD
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America Forward
American Educational Research Association
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
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Bottom Line
Campaign for Youth Justice
Cascade Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.
Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns
Hopkins University
Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless
(CATCH)
Children and Family Futures
Children's Aid
Chrysalis
Citizen Schools
City of Gilbert, AZ
City of Kansas City, Missouri
City Year
Civic
Coalition for Juvenile Justice
College Possible
Communities In Schools
Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC)
ConnCAN
Corporation for Supportive Housing
D.K. Wallin, Ltd
DBN & Associates, L3C
Democracy Builders & REV
EDGE Consulting Partners
Education & Outreach Group, Sonoma State
University
Education Analytics
Education Northwest
Efficacity, llc.
Empirical Education Inc.
FareStart
Forum for Youth Investment
Friends of the Children
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Grant Thornton, LLP
Green Dot Public Schools National
GreenLight Fund
Healthy Futures of Texas
Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.
Higher Achievement
Home Start, Inc.
IDEA Public Schools
Institute for Child Success
Jobs for the Future
Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
Juma Ventures
Justice Policy Institute
JVS
Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

KIPP
Knowledge Alliance
Leading Educators
LIFT
Literacy Design Collaborative
Marzano Research
McREL International
Millionair Club Charity
Montgomery County Schools (NC)
Morino Ventures, LLC
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Center for Teacher Residencies
National Cooperative Bank
National Crittenton
National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform
National Juvenile Justice Network
National Prevention Science Coalition
National Writing Project
New Avenues for Youth
New Leaders
New Moms
New Profit
New York Hall of Science
Nonprofit Finance Fund
Nurse-Family Partnership
Pace Center for Girls
Per Scholas, Inc.
Power to Decide
Project Evident
REDF
Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness
Research Institute for Key Indicators (RIKI LLC)
Results for America
RMC Research
Roca
Root Cause
School Social Work Association of America
Seneca Family of Agencies
SHIFTNC
Social Innovation Research Center
South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
Spurwink BARR Center
StriveTogether
Success for All Foundation
Teach For America
Tennessee SCORE
Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
The Dibble Institute
The Policy & Research Group
Third Sector

U.S. Soccer Foundation
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Venture Philanthropy Partners
Voices for National Service
Women's Bean Project
Wyman Center
Year Up
Youth Villages

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SUMMARY OF INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION REQUESTS

- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking**: request the Secretary or Agency head to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards. NOTE: This language is requested for the following agencies: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Justice, Housing and Urban Development, USAID, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Language - **WIOA Pay for Performance**: provide technical assistance for Pay for Performance.
- \$100,000,000 - **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders**: build on evidence-based interventions and practices that will lead to improved employment outcomes for young and older adults who have been incarcerated.
- \$10,000,000 – **Workforce Data Quality Initiative**: build state/local data capacity for tracking employment/educational outcomes of WIOA program participants.
- \$175,000,000 - **Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments**: require states to submit a plan with a description of evidence-based interventions and policies to help the unemployed find work.
- Language - **Statistical Access to National Directory for New Hires (NDNH)**: allow select access to the NDNH dataset for research purposes, consistent with strong privacy and confidentiality protections.
- Language - **Evaluation set-aside**: set aside 1% of discretionary funds for program evaluations.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Language - **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home visiting program**: encourage HRSA and ACF to collaborate to improve outcomes for pregnant women and families through evidence-based home visiting.
- \$23,000,000 – **Maternal Mortality**: establish and implement evidence-based interventions for gaps in maternity care and reduce/prevent maternal mortality.
- Language – **Care for Infants and Mothers**: require the Secretary to issue guidance to improve care for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their families, including innovative or evidenced-based payment models for prevention, screening, and treatment plans.
- Language - **Community Mental Health Services Block Grant**: continue setting aside 10% of funds to support evidence-based mental health prevention and treatment practices.
- \$25,000,000 - **Head Start Designation Renewal System (DRS)**: continue to use evidence to determine if Head Start and Early Head Start agencies deliver high-quality and comprehensive services.
- \$20,000,000 – **Family-Focused Residential Treatment**: develop, enhance, or evaluate family-focused residential treatment programs to meet the evidence requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act.
- \$15,000,000 - **Children’s Research and Technical Assistance**: continue developing and evaluating approaches to reducing welfare dependency and increasing well-being of minor children and their parents.
- \$1,800,000 – **Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services**: support evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion for aging services networks.
- \$107,800,000 - **Teen Pregnancy Prevention**: continue a tiered-evidence approach to scaling-up proven programs and developing, testing, and evaluating innovative programs.
- \$10,000,000 – **Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Children/Adolescents/Young Adults**: support evidence-based services in communities to prevent and treat substance use disorders.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Language - **Grants to Local Education Agencies**: direct the Department to encourage states and school districts to emphasize evidence-based interventions in school improvement plans.
- Language - **Neglected and Delinquent**: provide technical assistance for Pay for Success.

- Language - **Student Support and Academic Enrichment**: provide technical assistance for Pay for Success.
- \$180,000,000– **Education Innovation and Research (EIR)**: support field-initiated, state and local efforts to develop, implement, and scale innovative and evidence-based projects.
- \$155,000,000 – **Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools**: support competitive grants to charter management organizations with proven track records of success.
- \$94,000,000 - **Supporting Effective Educator Development Grants (SEED)**: support evidence-based preparation and development opportunities for educators.
- \$670,000,000 - **Institute of Education Sciences**: support research and evaluation to meet educator and policymaker needs.
- \$50,000,000 - **Trauma Support Services and Mental Health Care**: help states, school districts, and tribal governments increase evidence-based trauma support services and mental health care.
- Language – **Evaluation set-aside**: set aside 1% of discretionary funds, except for Pell Grants, for evaluations.

RELATED AGENCY – CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- \$545,000,000 - **AmeriCorps State and National**: support community-based organizations and programs that implement evidence-informed and evidence-based solutions.
- \$4,000,000 - **Evaluation**: continue the research and evaluation agenda to implement the most effective policies, practices, programs, and initiatives to build strong evidence.

GENERAL PROVISION – DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION

- Language - **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)**: support establishing up to 10 pilots to provide greater flexibility to federal grantees in exchange for greater focus on outcomes.

MANDATORY PROGRAMS – DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION

- \$400,000,000 - **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home visiting program**: extend and expand to permit states to provide voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services.
- \$75,000,000 - **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**: educate young people on evidence-based approaches to abstinence/contraception to prevent pregnancy and STDs.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Language - **Second Chance Act Offender Re-entry Programs**: set aside \$20,000,000 for Pay for Success, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for the Permanent Supportive Housing Model.
- Language - **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)**: allow participation with other agencies to partner in P3.
- \$96,053,401 – **Youth Promise Grants**: support grants for addressing the unmet needs of at-risk youth through evidence-based and promising programs.
- \$80,000,000 – **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants**: help state, tribal, and local governments address juvenile crime through a continuum of evidence-based or promising programs.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- \$145,000,000 - **Choice Neighborhoods**: address community and economic needs through evidence-based approaches to public safety, early learning, after-school, and other strategies to transform neighborhoods.
- \$2,400,000,000 - **Continuum of Care**: provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services with a preference for grantees demonstrating positive performance and outcomes.
- Language – **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)**: allow HUD to partner with other federal agencies in P3.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- \$22,400,000 - **USAID - Development Innovation Ventures**: support a tiered-evidence approach to testing, developing, implementing, scaling-up, and evaluating global development solutions.

INVEST IN WHAT WORKS FY'20 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

WIOA Pay for Performance. - The Committee continues to believe that the Pay for Performance authority under WIOA is a promising, innovative approach to using data, evidence, and evaluation to improve workforce development outcomes for the most vulnerable citizens. The Committee directs the Department to continue to provide technical assistance to states and localities to help them utilize Pay for Performance strategies.

Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. - The Committee has included \$100,000,000 for the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders program which helps prepare and assist adult ex-offenders return to their communities through pre-release services, mentoring, and case management. This competitive grant program provides funding opportunities to build projects built on evidence-based interventions or promising practices that will lead to improved employment outcomes for young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in either the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system.

Workforce Data Quality Initiative. - The Committee has included \$10,000,000 for the Workforce Data Initiative to support competitive grants to develop and enhance longitudinal data systems that integrate education and workforce data. This initiative will help build state and local capacity to track employment and educational outcomes of WIOA program participants, including those with disabilities, and provide information about job success rates and training programs.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA). - The Committee includes \$117,000,000 for the RESEA program, with an additional \$58,000,000 made available pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (PL 115–123). The Committee continues to support the RESEA program and urges the Department to focus its efforts on requiring states to submit a plan with a description of evidence-based interventions and policies to help the unemployed find work and reducing the rate of improper payments in the UI system.

National Directory of New Hires. – The Committee continues to encourage the Department to permit select Federal statistical and evaluation units to access the HHS’s National Directory of New Hires dataset of Unemployment Insurance earnings for statistical purposes, consistent with privacy and confidentiality protections. The Committee also includes bill language providing that the Department may make payments on behalf of States for the use of the National Directory of New Hires.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-aside.— The bill continues to use a set-aside funding mechanism to support the evaluation of employment and training programs. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has increased the set aside from 0.75 percent to 1.0 percent for all training and employment programs. These funds ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluation and applied research activities in consultation with the Department’s chief evaluation officer, who oversees the evaluation program. Results will inform policy, advance the Department’s mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. - The Committee continues to encourage HRSA and the Administration for Children and Families to continue their collaboration and expand partnerships between health centers and evidence-based home visiting programs in high need areas to improve pregnancy, child health and development, and other health outcomes, all while reducing costs.

Research has shown that partnering first-time mothers, with nurses and other health care professionals, that provide ongoing home visits, dramatically improves the health and well-being of these families.

Maternal Mortality.—The Committee continues to be concerned regarding the rising maternal mortality rate in the U.S. To address this concern the Committee has included \$23,000,000 within Special Projects of Regional and National Significance [SPRANS] for State Maternal Health Innovation Grants to establish demonstrations to implement evidence-based interventions to address critical gaps in maternity care service delivery and reduce and prevent maternal mortality.

Care for Infants and Mothers. - The Committee directs the Secretary to issue guidance to improve care for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their families, including innovative or evidenced-based payment models for prevention, screening, and treatment plans.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION **MENTAL HEALTH**

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant. - The Committee continues bill language setting aside at least 10 percent of the funds for the MHBG program for evidence-based programs to address the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness, including psychotic disorders. The Committee commends SAMHSA for their collaboration with NIMH on the implementation of this set-aside and directs SAMHSA to continue to ensure that funds from this set-aside are only used for programs showing strong evidence of effectiveness and that target the first episode of psychosis.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Head Start Designation Renewal System. - Within the total for Head Start, the Committee recommendation includes \$25,000,000 for the Head Start Designation Renewal System. The Committee also directs the Department to continue the use of evidence in determining if head start and early head start are delivering high-quality and comprehensive services.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Family-Focused Residential Treatment. – The Committee recommendation includes \$20,000,000 for the family-focused residential treatment program, as authorized by the as authorized by Public Law 115-271, to promote coordination and collaboration between local child welfare and substance abuse treatment agencies, and other related organizations, to build the evidence-base of what works, improve services and outcomes for children and families affected by substance use disorder, particularly opioid use.

Children's Research and Technical Assistance. – The Committee bill includes language which provides \$15,000,000 for welfare research to support the cost of developing and evaluating innovative approaches for reducing welfare dependency and increasing the well-being of minor children.

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING **AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services. The Committee has included \$1,800,000 to support evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion for aging services networks to improve the health of older adults.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. - The Committee includes \$107,800,000 for grants to public and private entities to fund medically accurate and age appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy and for the Federal costs associated with administering and evaluating such contracts and grants. The Committee has included bill language which sets aside not more than 10 percent of the available funds for training and technical assistance, evaluation, outreach, and additional program support activities. Of the remaining amount, 75 percent shall be for replicating programs that have been proven effective through rigorous evaluation to reduce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risk factors underlying teenage pregnancy, or other associated risk factors and 25 percent shall be available for research and demonstration grants to develop, replicate, refine, and test additional models and innovative strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy. Of the funds provided, \$6,800,000 shall be available to carry out evaluations of teenage pregnancy prevention approaches.

Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults Prevention and Recovery Initiative.— The Committee has included \$10,000,000 for communities to support the prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders for children, adolescents, and young adults. The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, and other appropriate agency heads, shall establish a resource center to provide technical support to grant recipients.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

Grants to Local Education Agencies. – The Committee has included language, as outlined in ESSA, that requires states to set aside 7% of the funds for Title I, Part A, for activities to help school districts improve low-performing schools and improvement plans that must include evidence-based interventions that demonstrate strong, moderate, or promising levels of evidence. Further, the Committee directs the Department to provide technical assistance and support to states and school districts to help them carry out this requirement.

Neglected and Delinquent. – The Committee encourages the Department to include technical assistance to grantees for using funds for Pay for Success.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Student Support and Academic Enrichment. – The Committee encourages the Department to include technical assistance to grantees for using funds for Pay for Success.

INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

Education Innovation and Research (EIR). - The Committee recommends \$180,000,000 for EIR grants that support field-initiated state and local efforts to develop and implement innovative evidence-based projects. Funds will support new and ongoing projects that will refine innovative new practices with the potential for future scaling-up as well as expansion grants that will require more rigorous levels of evidence in order to justify further replication and scaling.

Grants for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools. - The Committee includes \$155,000,000 for competitive grants to charter management organizations (CMOs) with proven track records of success. The programs goal is to significantly increase academic achievement and attainment for all students, as well as CMO ability to provide sound financial and business management plans, and their willingness to offer transparent plans for closing schools that do not meet high standards of performance.

Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grant. - The Committee has included \$94,000,000 for SEED to expand support for grants to national nonprofit organizations that provide evidence-based professional development activities for teachers, principals, and school leaders.

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

Institute of Education Sciences. – The Committee includes \$670,000,000 to support research, statistics and evaluation to study and provide policymakers, educators, teachers and students with the necessary tools to meet the problems and challenges faced by today’s schools.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

Trauma and Mental Health Support for Children and Youth. – The Committee has included \$50,000,000, as newly authorized by Section 7134 of P.L. 115-271, for the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants to, for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to provide access to evidence-based trauma support services and mental health care for students and their families with substance abuse and opioid additions. Those receiving funds will be required to establish a local interagency agreement with local and early childhood education, including Head Start and Early Head Start, juvenile justice authorities, mental health agencies, child welfare agencies, and other entities. Within the funds provided, not more than 3 percent, may be used to conduct a rigorous, independent evaluation of the activities. The Committee supports the establishment of an Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care to make recommendations for a set of evidence-based, evidence-informed, and promising best practices with respect to the identification of infants, children, youth, and their families who have experienced or at risk of experiencing trauma and abuse, including intimate partner violence, and the referral and implementation of trauma-informed practices and supports.

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluations. - The Committee recommends bill language that provides the Department with authority to use 1% of all discretionary appropriations provided in this Act for Department of Education agencies, with the exception of Pell Grants, for evaluation purposes consistent with the terms and conditions in this Act applicable to such office. The funds are in addition to other dollars that are specifically designated for evaluation purpose. The Committee also includes language that permits funds to be pooled across all education agencies to conduct evaluations without respect to the source of funds for those activities. The Committee further recommends that the Department provide an evaluation plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees not later than 15 days prior to any transfer of funds.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

OPERATING EXPENSES

AmeriCorps State and National Grants. – The Committee recommends \$545,000,000 to support grants to community-based organizations and agencies to address local needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. These funds will also continue to support and invest in evidence-informed and evidence-based community solutions, providing a critical source of human capital to meet pressing needs across the country and a pathway to economic and educational opportunities for AmeriCorps members. The Committee also supports the use of evidence in the making of grant awards. Further, the Committee supports efforts to increase the number of AmeriCorps to 100,000 members each year.

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

Evaluation. – The Committee has included \$4,000,000 for the Corporation to continue the agencies research and evaluation agenda and to implement the most effective policies, practices, and program initiatives to build strong evidence and improve outcomes.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

GENERAL PROVISION

Performance Partnership Pilots. - The Committee continues a general provision establishing up to 10 performance partnership pilots to improve outcomes and provide greater flexibility to grantees. These pilots may be used to prevent youth from disconnecting from school or work, provide education, training, employment, and other related social services. All

federal agencies throughout this Act may use a portion of their discretionary funds to participate in Performance Partnership Pilots.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SUPPORT FOR MANDATORY PROGRAMS

To provide you with a complete picture of our evidence and evaluation requests, the Invest in What Works Coalition also supports the following mandatory programs, while recognizing they fall outside the purview of your committee.

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). - supports \$400,000,000 in mandatory funding in FY'20 to extend and expand MIECHV, which permits states to provide voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to women during pregnancy and to parents with young children.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). – supports \$75,000,000 to educate young people on evidence-based approaches to abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Second Chance Act Pay for Success. – The Committee recommends bill language raising the set-aside for performance-based awards for Pay for Success projects under Second Chance Act Offender Re-entry program, from \$7,500,000 to \$20,000,000 and permits \$10,000,000 of those funds to be used to help implement the Permanent Supportive Housing Model, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year's level.

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants. – The Committee has included \$80,000,000, for grants to states and local juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, by building a developmentally based, trauma responsive system of care for justice involved youth. Funds are used to establish effective education, training, and research and evaluation, including an emphasis on the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development.

Youth Promise Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention. – The Committee has included \$96,053,401 to enable local communities to address the unmet needs of at-risk or delinquent youth, through a continuum of delinquency prevention programs including incentive grants for prison reduction, mentoring, intervention, education, developing data-driven, evidence-based prevention plans and strategies, and conducting program evaluations to determine the impact and effectiveness for juveniles who have had, or are likely to have contact with the juvenile justice system.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT:

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Attorney General to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

GENERAL PROVISION

Performance Partnership Pilots Report Language. - The Committee recommends bill language which permits the Department to use federal discretionary funds through the Office of Justice Programs to participate with other Federal agencies in carrying out Performance Partnership Pilots.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Choice Neighborhoods. – The Committee includes \$145,000,000 for competitive grants to address community and economic development needs through evidence-based approaches to public safety, early learning, after-school education, to transform neighborhoods of concentrated poverty. Grants are provided to local governments, assisted housing owners,

community development corporations, non- and for-profit entities as well as public housing and tribally designated housing entities.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Continuum of Care (COC). – The Committee recommends \$2,400,000,000 for the COC program to address homelessness, with a particular emphasis on chronic homelessness, vulnerable individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Grants are awarded to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services with a preference for grantees demonstrating positive performance and outcomes.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.

GENERAL PROVISION

Performance Partnership Pilots. - The Committee has continued language permitting HUD to partner with other Federal agencies in the Performance Partnership Pilot program, a cross-Federal agency initiative serving disconnected youth through innovative, cost-effective, and outcome-focused strategies. The Committee believes there is a critical role HUD can play in this pilot, especially as communities seek to address the housing and self-sufficiency needs of disconnected youth.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Development Innovation Ventures. - The Committee includes \$22,400,000 for DIV to invest in Innovative programs and support a tiered-evidence approach to testing, developing, implementing, scaling-up and evaluating global development solutions that have the potential to change millions of lives in developing countries.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT:

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee urges the Administrator to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.