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INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION FY 2022 REQUESTS

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

Over the past nine years, with your continued support, the federal government has made major strides in driving taxpayer dollars toward evidence-based, results-driven solutions.

As members of the Invest in What Works Coalition, we are once again asking for your support to help drive Federal funds toward what works by including the attached funding requests and language provisions in the following FY 2022 appropriations bills and reports: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies.

To date, the Appropriations Committees have demonstrated an unprecedented commitment to evidence-based, results-driven solutions, but much more needs to be done. According to the 2020 Invest in What Works Federal Standard of Excellence, the nine participating agencies allocated $45 billion through 39 competitive and noncompetitive grant programs that defined and prioritized evidence of effectiveness while four of these same agencies invested 1% or more of their program budgets on evaluation-related activities. The attached funding and language provisions would help strengthen federal agencies' efforts to continue harnessing the power of evidence and data to improve outcomes and keep pace with the needs of this nation.

We thank you for your past support and the positive steps you have taken toward building a strong evidence-based, results-driven federal policy agenda. In particular, we thank your committees for the FY 2021 report language encouraging federal agencies funded by the Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Act to prioritize evidence of effectiveness in their grant programs. We request your continued commitment and support to improve outcomes for all Americans by including the attached bill and report language recommendations the relevant FY 2022 appropriations subcommittees.

Thank you for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

Achievement Network
America Forward
American Educational Research Association
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
BellXcel
Bottom Line
Center for Community Resilience
Center for Employment Opportunities
Center for Research and Reform in Education at Johns Hopkins University
Children's Home Society of America
Chrysalis
City Year
Code for America
Communities in Schools National Office
Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC)
CSH
EDGE Consulting Partners
Education Analytics
EFFICACITY
Empirical Education Inc.
ETS
Finding Common Purpose
Forum for Youth Investment
Friends of the Children
Goodwill Southern California
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, Inc
GreenLight Fund
IDEA Public Schools
Institute for Child Success
Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)
Juma Ventures
JVS
KIPP
Knowledge Alliance
Leading Educators
LIFT Inc.
Marzano Research
McREL International
MENTOR National
Mile High WorkShop
Morino Ventures, LLC
National Center for Teacher Residencies
National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
National Writing Project
New America Higher Education Policy Program
New Earth Organization
New Moms
Nonprofit Finance Fund
Nurse-Family Partnership
Per Scholas, Inc.
Power to Decide
Reading & Math, Inc.
RecycleForce
REDF
Research Institute for Key Indicators
Results for America
Roca Inc.
Root Cause
Seneca Family of Agencies
ServeMinnesota
Social Finance
Social Innovation Research Center
StriveTogether
Success for All Foundation
Teach For America
The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS)
The Policy & Research Group
TNTP
Turnaround for Children
U.S. Soccer Foundation
Urban Alliance
Urban Arts Partnership
Venture Philanthropy Partners + Raise DC
Voices for National Service
Waterford.org
Year Up, Inc.
Youth Villages

Andy Schor, Mayor of Lansing, Michigan
Lovely Warren, Mayor of Rochester, New York

Karen Anderson, Former Chief of Staff, White House Council of Economic Advisers, Senior Director for Policy, Communications and External Affairs, UChicago

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John Bridgeland, Former Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Founder & CEO, Civic

Cecilia Munoz, Former Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Senior Advisor, New America

Robert Shea, Former Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget, National Managing Principle, Public Policy, Grant Thornton LLP

Kathy Stack, Former Deputy Associate Director for Education, Income Maintenance and Labor, Office of Management and Budget

Lynn Cominsky, Professor and Director, Sonoma State University

Rebecca Maynard, University Trustee Chair Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania

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Diane Schanzenbach, Director of Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

SUMMARY OF INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Language – **Evaluation set-aside:** directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for program evaluations.
- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:** directs the Secretary to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made at the Department.
- Language – **WIOA Pay for Performance:** provides technical assistance for pay for performance.
- $127,500,000 - **YouthBuild:** supports grants to community-based organizations and agencies for evidence-based vocational and workforce training, to provide pathways to employment for opportunity youth ages 16-24.
- $100,100,000 – **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.
- $200,000,000 – **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, plus $83,000,000 for the BBA.
- Language – **National Directory of New Hires (NDNH)**: allows select access to the NDNH dataset for research purposes, consistent with strong privacy and confidentiality protections.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Language – **Evaluation set-aside:** directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for program evaluations.
- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:** directs the Secretary to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made at the Department.
- Language – **Bureau of Primary Health Care**: supports HRSA's continued promotion of expanded partnerships between Health Centers and evidence-based home visiting programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes in high-need communities.
- $53,000,000 **– Maternal Mortality**: supports maternal health innovation grants to establish and implement evidence-based interventions for gaps in maternity care and reduce/prevent maternal mortality.
- $15,000,000 - **Healthy Start Infant Mortality Initiative:** supports Healthy Start grants for the initiative to reduce maternal mortality, support nurse practitioners, midwives, physician assistants, and other maternal health professionals.

- $17,000,000 - **Maternal Mortality Review Committees**: the Committee has included $17,000,000 to expand efforts to build data systems at the state level to improve consistency in data collection, and outcomes.
- Language – **Community Mental Health Services Block Grant**: continue setting aside 10% of funds to support evidence-based mental health prevention and treatment practices and an additional $35,000,000 set-aside for evidence-based crisis care programs.
- $107,100,000 –**Project AWARE:** to expand the capacity of mental health agencies to support mental health resources in schools for children and their families.
- $102,192,000 – **Targeted capacity expansion grants:** for rapid, comprehensive, and integrated community-based responses to substance abuse treatment and recovery services.
- $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 – **Kinship Navigator:** to help build the evidence base in order for programs to become eligible for mandatory funding available under the Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA).
- $10,000,000 – **Regional Partnership Grants**: encourages ACF to prioritize applicants that will focus on preparing programs to qualify as evidence-based foster care prevention services under FFPSA.
- $150,000,000 – **Teen Pregnancy Prevention:** provide level funding for a high-quality tiered-evidence approach to scaling-up proven programs and developing, testing, and evaluating innovative programs.
- $6,800,000 and Language – **Teen Pregnancy Prevention:** set aside $6,800,000 to maintain and continue to update the existing Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review, including $900,000 for restarting and updating the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Language – **Evaluation set-aside:** directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds, except for Pell Grants, for evaluations.
- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:** directs the Secretary to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made on evidence-building at the Department.
- Language - **Grants to Local Education Agencies**: directs the Department to encourage states and school districts to emphasize evidence-based interventions in school improvement plans.
- Language – **Neglected and Delinquent:** provides technical assistance for Pay for Success.
- Language -- **Promise Neighborhoods**: increases funding for capacity building which strengthens communities' ability to scale city and regional reinvestment strategies and allows for direct services.
- $192,000,000 – **Comprehensive Literacy Development Grants:** supports literacy grants for disadvantaged and low-income children, English learners, and those with disabilities with intensive instruction in evidence-based literacy methods.

- Language – **Student Support and Academic Enrichment:** directs the Department to include a plan for how resources will be spent to build the capacity of SEAs/LEAs, provide technical assistance, and include in the plan how resources will be spent helping SEAs/LEAs to implement evidence-based interventions, and incorporate evidence-based SSAE activities into school improvement strategies.
- $200,000,000 – **Education Innovation and Research (EIR):** supports field-initiated, state and local efforts to develop, implement, and scale innovative and evidence-based projects.
- $150,000,000 – **Grants for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools:** support competitive grants to charter management organizations with proven track records of success.
- $200,000,000 – **Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants:** supports grants to develop, implement, improve, or expand human capital management systems or performance-based compensation systems in schools.
- $94,000,000– **Supporting Effective Educator Development Grants (SEED):** support evidence-based preparation and development opportunities for educators.
- $40,000,000 – **Full-Service Community Schools:** supports evidence-based models to meet the holistic needs of children and families.
- $700,000,000 – **Institute of Education Sciences:** support research and evaluation to meet educator and policymaker needs.
- $5,000,000 - **School Pulse Survey**: to develop and implement a school pulse survey to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and report monthly on virus in schools throughout the current and upcoming school years.
- $34,000,000 – **State Longitudinal Data System**: support grants to help states develop, maintain, and expand state longitudinal data systems.
- $1,097,000,000 – **Federal Trio Programs:** supports programs to encourage low-income, first-generation college students to enter and complete college with evidence-based grant priorities.
- $368,000,000 – **Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)**: supports State grants and partnerships with low-income schools, community organizations to provide students with skills and scholarships to pursue postsecondary education and provides evaluation set-aside for data collection.
- $100,000,000 **- Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education:** to increase postsecondary degree attainment and career success of high-need students, of which $50,000,000 is for institutional restructuring.

RELATED AGENCY – CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- $4,000,000 – **Evaluation:** continue the research and evaluation agenda to implement the most effective policies, practices, programs, and initiatives to build strong evidence.
- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking**: urges the CEO to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- $100,000,000 – **Social Innovation Fund:** supports competitive grants to help grow promising, evidence-based solutions that address pressing economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development in low-income communities.
- $545,000,000 – **AmeriCorps State and National Grants:** support community-based organizations and programs that implement evidence-informed and evidence-based solutions.

- $276,000,000 - **National Service Trust:** provides Education Awards for eligible AmeriCorps members who successfully complete their terms of service in an AmeriCorps program.

RELATED AGENCY

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

- Language – **Evidence of Effectiveness**: directs the Secretary in collaboration with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to evaluate the extent to which tax expenditures achieve their policy goals and efficiencies.
- Language – **Supporting Economic Mobility:** directs the Secretary in collaboration with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to explore ways the Department can foster greater economic mobility in communities that have historically experienced lower mobility.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE , SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES

- Language – **Evaluation set-aside**: directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for evaluations.
- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:** urges the Secretary to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made evidence-building progress at the Department.
- Language – **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)**: allows participation with other agencies to partner in P3.
- Language – **Second Chance Act Offender Reentry Programs**: sets aside $20,000,000 for Pay for Success, of which $10,000,000 shall be for the Permanent Supportive Housing Model.
- $80,000,000– **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants (Title II)**: formula Grants to support state and local efforts for the development of more effective evidence-based education, training, research, and prevention.
- $96,053,401 – **Incentive Grants for Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education (PROMISE):** supports grants to address the unmet needs of at-risk youth through evidence-based programs.
- local level to address the unmet needs of at-risk youth through evidence-based programs.
- $75,000,000 – **First Step Act:** to expand and develop opportunities for incarcerated individuals to participate in evidence-based, recidivism-reducing programs and activities.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** urges the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Evaluation set-aside**: directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for evaluations.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act:** urges the Secretary to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made evidence-building progress at the Department.
- Language – **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)**: allow HUD to partner with other federal agencies in P3.
- $200,000,000 – **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative**: address community and economic needs through evidence-based approaches to public safety, early learning, after-school, and other strategies to transform neighborhoods.
- $2,569,000,000 – **Continuum of Care:** provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services with a preference for grantees demonstrating positive performance and outcomes.
- $10,303,000 **– Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes**: provides grants to identify and control lead-based paint hazards with an emphasis on low-income neighborhoods and grant requirements to use evidence-based lead hazard control methods.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES

- Language – **Evidence-Based Grantmaking:** urges the Administrator of USAID to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is a requirement for all competitive and non-competitive grant awards.
- Language – **Evaluation set-aside:** directs the Administrator of USAID to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for evaluations.
- Language – **Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act**: urges the Administrator of the USAID to report on the implementation of the Act and progress being made evidence-building progress at the Department.
- $30,000,000 – **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'22 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

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.

YouthBuild. – The Committee recommends $127,500,000 to support grants to community-based organizations and agencies, with an emphasis on evidence-informed and evidence-based solutions, for vocational and workforce training to provide pathways to employment for unemployed, out-of-school opportunity youth ages 16-24. In making grant awards the Committee supports a priority on evidence of effectiveness.

Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. – The Committee has included $100,100,000 for the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders program which helps prepare and assist adult ex-offenders in returning 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 $200,000,000 for the RESEA program, with an additional $83,000,000 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 reduce 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-aside. – The bill includes a new provision that provides a set-aside funding mechanism to support the evaluation of Department programs. The provision sets aside 1.0 percent for all Department programs. These funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluation activities. The Committee believes that these evaluation results will inform policy, advance the Department's mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and

to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Bureau of Primary Health Care. – The Committee supports HRSA's continued promotion of expanded partnerships between Health Centers and evidence-based home visiting programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes in high-need communities. The Committee urges the Bureau of Primary Health Care to identify how these partnerships may fit within Health Centers' scope of practice, ways home visiting programs can provide cost-effective benefits, care coordination and service referral to help Health Centers achieve community health goals.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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 $53,000,000 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.

Healthy Start.-The Committee has included no less than $15,000,000, within the total for Healthy Start , for an initiative to reduce maternal mortality, allowing Healthy Start grantees to support nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, and other maternal-child advanced practice health professionals at program sites nationwide.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

BIRTH DEFECTS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, DISABILITIES AND HEALTH

Maternal *Mortality Review Committees.* **–** The Committee has included $17,000,000 to expand efforts to build stronger data systems that improve collection at the state level and to create consistency in collection methods and outcomes.

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. Also included is $35,000,000 of the total for evidence-bases crisis care programs.

Project Aware. The committee has included $107,100,000 to expand the capacity, partnerships, and collaboration between State and local education systems; increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth; provide training for school personnel and other adults to detect and respond to mental health issues; and connect families with needed services.

Targeted Capacity Expansion Grants. – The Committee has included $102,192,000 for targeted capacity expansion grants to provide rapid, comprehensive, and integrated community-based responses to substance abuse treatment and recovery services.

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 grant recipients are delivering high-quality and comprehensive services.

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Kinship Navigator. – The Committee recommendation includes $20,000,000 for the Kinship Navigator Programs to help build the evidence base in order for programs to become eligible for mandatory funding available under the Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA).

Regional Partnership Grants. – The Committee recommendation includes $10,000,000 for Regional Partnership Grants and strongly encourages ACF to prioritize applicants that will focus on preparing programs to qualify as evidence-based foster care prevention services under FFPSA, including family-focused, residential treatment programs and programs that mitigate the traumatic impact of parental incarceration.

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. – The Committee includes $150,000,000 to support competitive grants to public and private entities to fund high-quality, evidence-based, and medically accurate and age-appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy. Funds are also used 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. 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 rigorously test additional models and innovative strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy. Of the funds provided under Section 241 of the PHS Act, $6,800,000 shall be available to carry out evaluations of teenage pregnancy prevention approaches of which $900,000 shall be to restart and update the existing Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-aside. – The Committee recommendation includes bill language that provides the Department with authority to use 1 percent of all discretionary appropriations provided in this Act for the Department of Education agencies, with the exception of Pell Grants, for evaluation purposes consistent with the terms and conditions of the Act applicable to such office. The funds are in addition to other dollars that are specifically designated for evaluation purposes. 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 directs that the Department provide an evaluation plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees no later than 15 days prior to any transfer of funds.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Secretary to use demonstrated evidence of effectiveness as part of the selection criteria through its Education Department General Administrative Regulations, consistent with authorizations, for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence

requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

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.

STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS

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

Comprehensive Literacy Development Grants. – The Committee has included $192,000,000 to support literacy grants for disadvantaged and low-income children, English learners, and those with disabilities with intensive instruction in evidence-based literacy methods.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Student Support and Academic Enrichment. – The Committee also expects funds reserved for technical assistance and capacity building to be used strictly to support state education agencies and local education agencies in carrying out authorized activities under this program. In the fiscal year 2022 Budget Justification, the Committee expects the Department to provide current and planned expenditures, and include a plan for how resources will be spent to build the capacity of state education agencies and local education agencies and provide technical assistance. The plan should include how resources will be spent helping state education agencies and local education agencies vet evidence, implement evidence-based interventions, and incorporate evidence-based Student Support and Academic Enrichment activities into school improvement strategies. The Committee also 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 $200,000,000 for EIR grants to 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 $150,000,000 for competitive grants to charter management organizations (CMOs) with proven track records of success. The program's 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.

Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants. – The Committee recommends $200,000,000 for the Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants program to provide grants to States, school districts, and partnerships to develop, implement, improve, or expand human capital management systems or performance-based compensation systems in schools.

S*upporting Effective Educator Development Grant (SEED)*. – 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.

SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZEN EDUCATION

Full- Service Community Schools. – The Committee has included $40,000,000 for Full-Service Community Schools for competitive grants to support school-based comprehensive services for students, families, and communities and evidence-based models to meet the holistic needs of children and families.

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

Institute of Education Sciences. – The Committee includes $700,000,000 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.

School Pulse Survey. – The Committee includes $5,000,000 for the development and implementation of a School Pulse Survey to monitor school-level impacts and activities affected by the global coronavirus pandemic and to manage, execute, and report monthly on COVID-19 activities during the current and upcoming school years.

State Longitudinal Data Systems. – The Committee includes $34,000,000 for State Longitudinal Data Systems for competitive grants to support the development, maintenance, and expansions of state longitudinal data systems. Increased support for the SLDS program will further strengthen state data infrastructure and linkages, contribute to improved data access and use for evidence-based policymaking, and build capacity in states to secure and protect data.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Federal TRIO Programs. – The Committee recommends $1,097,000,000 to support programs to encourage low-income, first-generation college students to enter and complete college. The Committee continues to urge the Department to include an evidence-based priority during grant competitions.

Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). – The Committee recommends $368,000,000 to support State grants and partnerships with low-income schools and community organizations to provide students with skills and scholarships to pursue postsecondary education. The program includes an evaluation set-aside for data collection.

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. - The Committee has included $100,000,000 to increase access; student support, interventions, and retention; and to increase postsecondary degree attainment and career success of high-need students. Of the amounts provided $50,000,000 shall be for institutional restructuring and quality improvement to improve efficiency and promote and improve student learning and academic instruction. In addition, any new funding above the current level, shall be used to scale programs with the highest level of evidence as determined by the What Works Clearinghouse.

PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS

Promise Neighborhoods. - The Committee encourages the Secretary to prioritize funding for increased capacity building among eligible entities to assist in strengthening communities' ability to scale city and regional investment strategies that advance economic mobility and to provide more effective direct services.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Corporation is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Social Innovation Fund. – The Committee has included $100,000,000 for competitive grants that leverage both public and private resources to enhance economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development in low-income communities through evidence-based solutions.

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.

National Service Trust. – The Committee recommends $276,000,000 for the National Service Trust that provides Education Awards for eligible AmeriCorps members who successfully complete their terms of service in an AmeriCorps program.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence of Effectiveness. – The Committee directs the Secretary to work with the Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget to evaluate the extent to which tax expenditures are achieving their intended policy goals and cost efficiencies.

Supporting Economic Mobility. – The Committee directs the Secretary, in collaboration with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to develop a cross agency plan to find solutions to address the multi barriers in vulnerable communities to foster greater economic mobility.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evaluation Set-aside. – The Committee has included bill language to set-aside funding to support the evaluation of programs within the Department of Justice. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has included a set aside of 1.0 percent for programs within the Department. These funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluation and Department programs. The results would inform policy, advance the Department's mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Attorney General to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences

which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

GENERAL PROVISION

Performance Partnership Pilots Report Language. – The Committee recommends bill language that 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.

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Second Chance Act Offender Reentry Programs. – The Committee recommends bill language raising the set-aside for performance-based awards for Pay for Success projects under the 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 (Title II). – The Committee has included $80,000,000, for grants to implement comprehensive State juvenile justice plans, including community-based prevention and intervention programs and activities for juvenile offenders. Funds are used to establish effective education, training, and research and evaluation, including an emphasis on the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development.

Incentive Grants for Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education (PROMISE). - The Committee has included $96,053,401 for grants for at-risk youth through a continuum of evidence-based programs, for prison reduction efforts through in local communities and to conduct program evaluations to determine the impact and effectiveness for juveniles who have had or are likely to have had contact with the juvenile justice system.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

First Step Act (FSA) – Recidivism Reduction Programs. – The Committee directs the Department and the Bureau of Prisons to expedite and fully implement the FSA. Within the funds provided, the Committee has included $75,000,000 to expand and develop opportunities for incarcerated individuals to participate in evidence-based, recidivism-reduction pilot projects and programs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Evaluation Set-aside. – The Committee has included bill language to set-aside funding to support the evaluation of programs within the Department. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has included a set aside of 1.0 percent for programs within the Department. These funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluations of Department programs. The results will be used to inform policy, advance the Department's mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

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.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. – The Committee includes $200,000,000 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 not less sthan $2,569,000,000 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.

LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. – The Committee includes $10,303,000 for grants to identify and reduce lead-based paint hazards with a focus on low-income neighborhoods. The Committee continues to encourage the Department to include during the grant competitions, a requirement to use evidence-based lead hazard control methods.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Evidence-based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Administrator to ensure that evidence of effectiveness is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Non-competitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Evaluation Set-aside. – The Committee has included bill language to set-aside funding to support the evaluation of programs within USAID. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has included a set aside of 1.0 percent for programs within the agency. These funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluations of agency programs. The results will be used to inform policy, advance the agency's mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore the Committee directs the agency to continue to include in the fiscal year 2022 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Development Innovation Ventures. – The Committee includes $30,000,000 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.