

The Honorable Sarah McBride
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House Foreign Affairs Committee
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House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Delaware's Family Justice Center Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council located at 820 North French Street, Carvel State Building, Wilmington, DE 19801.

This project will support the reconstruction of two sites in New Castle County to create Delaware's first Family Justice Centers (FJCs), a nationally endorsed model that centralizes services for survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking. FJCs improve survivor safety, reduce homicides, increase offender accountability, and lower long-term public costs through coordinated, efficient service delivery. The Woodlawn site will include transitional housing, while the Hope Center will convert a former aquatic facility into a fully operational FJC within an existing shelter.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce emergency system costs, improve survivor outcomes, and increase offender accountability. This initiative fills a documented service gap while reducing the state's \$11 billion burden from interpersonal violence. It's a targeted, cost-effective investment in public safety, system efficiency, and long-term community stability.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress