

March 30, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,850,000 in funding for the Bridging Resource and Information Gaps in Human Trafficking (BRIGHT) Network statewide expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida, located at 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620.

The funding would be used to expand access to the BRIGHT Network to Polk, Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, and Collier counties. The BRIGHT Network is an online system that connects trafficked persons to vetted service providers and informs first responders of available resources for survivors.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the need for quality control measures for service providers and confidentiality protection for trafficking survivors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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 blue ink that reads "C. Scott Franklin".

C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress