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The Honorable Jason Crow  
United States House of Representatives  
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April 22, 2022

Dear Congressman Crow:

On behalf of 27J Schools, I am excited to provide this letter of support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) proposal to the **FY2023 Community Project Funding** opportunity. For over a decade, 27J has collaborated with BGCMD which has been a vital community partner through their implementation and operation of programs and services for our students through the Shopneck Boys & Girls Club.

With a focus on our mission: *In partnership with families and community, 27J Schools EMPOWERS EVERY Student today to take control of their future tomorrow*, we know vital community partnerships are necessary to pour into the lives of our students outside of their school day time. And, in order to ensure we are advocating on behalf of our youth and working to transform our community as a whole, an entire community response is required.

This is why we are eager to collaborate with BGCMD through their Shopneck Club which is located in Brighton. For only \$25/kid, BGCMD provides a safe, accessible, and fun afterschool and summer program ensuring that youth have every opportunity to achieve their greatest potential.

The work done through 27J Schools is strengthened through our collaboration with BGCMD. We offer our full support for BGCMD's application for Community Project Funding to assist in their thoughtful and committed approach to ensuring youth throughout Congressional District 6 have access to high-quality afterschool and summer programming.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fiedler', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent  
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April 18, 2022

Dear Congressman Crow:

On behalf of Aurora Public Schools (APS), please accept this letter of support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) pursuit of the **FY2023 Community Project Funding opportunity**.

BGCMD operates seven Clubs within Aurora Public Schools, three of which are part of Aurora's ACTION Zone where they each achieved Innovation Status according to the Colorado Innovation Schools Act of 2008. These schools have autonomy and flexibility to innovate with an acute understanding of the barriers and challenges each school and community face, in order to achieve greater student outcomes. One of our ways of innovating has been welcoming BGCMD into Boston P-8 School, Crawford Elementary, and Paris Elementary. Through BGCMD, we've strengthened the ecosystem of support provided to each of these schools' communities ensuring that youth have positive adult interactions and influence, develop a sense of connectedness and belonging with their peers, craft a baseline understanding of their future goals and plans, and are provided interventions that promote academic success.

The mutually-beneficial partnership we've developed with BGCMD assists in our mission to *accelerate learning for all students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to shape successful futures*. As such, we fully support BGCMD's application for FY2023 Community Project Funding through your office in order to ensure BGCMD can not only continue its current operations but expand upon its breadth of programming to enhance its impact on Aurora kids.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request for funding. Through increased partnerships across the district, we will be equipped to transform our community which has the potential to reach across our State and nation.

Kate Garvin

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The Honorable Jason Crow  
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April 13, 2022

Dear Congressman Crow:

On behalf of Food Bank of the Rockies, I am pleased to provide my support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) proposal to the **FY2023 Community Project Funding** opportunity.

Engaging with community-based organizations across metro Denver is what allows us to deepen our impact and identify ways to get to the root cause of food insecurity. Thus, we are pleased to engage with BGCMD in order to efficiently and effectively engage our communities, ensuring everyone has access to healthy nourishment.

For more than two decades, Food Bank of the Rockies and BGCMD have partnered to provide kids across all 21 Boys & Girls Clubs in Metro Denver with healthy meals and snacks. Every day we are in the Clubs, we see firsthand the impact that BGCMD has on each of the unique communities it serves, providing kids with basic needs while also supporting their development in academics, healthy lifestyles, and character and leadership. Throughout our collaborative history, we have collectively provided hundreds of thousands of meals and snacks to communities that need it most.

As an organization that is focusing on the whole child approach, Food Bank of the Rockies is providing full support of BGCMD's application to Rep. Jason Crow's Community Project Funding. We value this partnership knowing BGCMD lays the foundation for proper nourishment across Congressional District 6

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Mitchell".

Cindy Mitchell, VP of Programs

Food Bank of the Rockies

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April 13, 2022

Dear Congressman Crow:

On behalf of Montview Elementary School, please accept this letter of support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) proposal for the **FY2023 Community Project Funding** opportunity.

Since 2019, BGCMD has operated a Club within Montview Elementary School, where we continue to see success achieved by our students. Our students have extra support on homework, but they are also provided academic and enrichment experiences within a safe space where they can enjoy being a kid!

As we've navigated the persistence of the pandemic and the support that is necessary for our kids, we know BGCMD has been a valuable community resource that has strengthened the ecosystem of support provided to our community. Whether through providing healthy snacks and meals daily, taking our kids on field trips that would otherwise not be possible, or exposing them to plans and goals, BGCMD and Montview Elementary are equipping our youth with skills that will improve their futures.

We are excited about the potential of the FY2023 Community Project Funding opportunity to continue to support BGCMD in its current operations while also providing a path toward enhancing what it does to better support the ever-evolving needs of our youth.

Thank you for this incredible opportunity to enhance our impact on the Aurora community.

Joe Taylor, Principal  
Montview Elementary School



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April 13, 2022

Dear Congressman Crow:

On behalf of Paris Elementary School, I am pleased to provide to you our support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) proposal to the **FY2023**

**Community Project Funding** opportunity.

BGCMD began its Club at our school in 2020 and has since shown its importance in the social and emotional well-being of our students. The pandemic, as many know, has only increased the mental health challenges our kids face, whether that be due to the uncertainty of what's to come, or to polarizing views of the topic. Yet, BGCMD's timeliness in entering our Club at the onset of the pandemic has proven to be successful for our students. Through their integration of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) into each activity and program, our kids are better equipped with important mental wellness skills that improve their behavior, attitudes, and aptitude to learn. Ultimately, the work that is done at Paris Elementary School is strengthened through this collaboration with BGCMD and together, we can provide opportunities to make life more enriching for our kids. I hope you will join us in the important work being done to prepare our kids academically, socially, and emotionally so they are equipped to be advocates for change. The impact of these dollars will be felt far beyond the walls of Paris Elementary School, impacting the greater community.

Thank you,

Mario Giardiello, Principal  
Paris Elementary School



April 25, 2022

The Honorable Jason Crow  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Crow:

I am pleased to offer my personal support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver's (BGCMD) proposal to the **FY2023 Community Project Funding** opportunity.

There is a clear inequity amongst low- and limited- income populations as well as historically marginalized communities. Youth within these communities tend to be 6,000 academic hours behind their middle-class peers by the time they reach middle school – this has led to a significant achievement gap amongst these populations.

A way to make a measurable impact on this achievement gap is to offer afterschool and summer programming in a safe and fun environment – something that Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (BGCMD) has done since 1961. By providing at least 15 hours of programming weekly, youth receive support academically, learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle, and grow in character and leadership. Through this whole child approach, BGCMD offers programs that ensure youth have every opportunity to achieve their greatest potential – this leads to happy, purpose-driven adults.

Through the many years I've been connected with BGCMD – including my eight-year tenure with the City of Commerce City – I've seen first-hand the positive impact this programming can have within the lives of our youth. I know their use of FY23 Community Project Funding will fundamentally improve how kids are served throughout the Sixth Congressional District. By providing consistent and comprehensive programming and services, we have the opportunity to dramatically improve the outcomes of our youth, ultimately transforming our community.

Respectfully,

Michelle Halstead, Director of Communication and Administrative Services