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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Youth Workforce Development** project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Sanneh Foundation** located at 1276 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55104. The project proposed by The Sanneh Foundation (Sanneh) combines career exploration with local employers, tangible work experience, social capital building developmental relationships, and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) into a comprehensive year-long youth workforce development program. Minnesota has one of the largest opportunity gaps in the nation by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status (National Center for Education Statistics, 2019). This project will target this well-documented opportunity gap, and benefit diverse youth and emerging adults of all genders from low-income families and communities of color between the ages of 16 and 24. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress