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Appropriation Projects by Representative Dr. Bush Included in the 2021 State Budget

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Friday, the Florida Legislature passed the state budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. It included 6 of 11 projects by **Representative Dr. James Bush, III (D- Opa-locka)**, totaling nearly \$4,000,000.

Projects included: The City of Opa-locka Police Station (**HB 3181**), City of Opa-locka Parks and Recreation (**HB 3173**), Overtown Youth Center (**HB 3361**), Renewed Minds Educational Enrichment Program (**HB 3175**), Florida Children's Initiative Food Security Project (**HB 3273**), and New Horizons After School and Weekend Rehabilitative Program (**HB 3363**).

HB 3181 relating to City of Opa-Locka Police Station. - Provide the residents and visitors with the quality and professional law enforcement services needed. The police station building was damaged and the department had to relocate to the City Hall building in Town center, which brings the department to a disadvantage. In Opa-Locka Police Department's current location, we are unable to function properly based on the premise that the municipal Complex is inadequate to house a police agency.

HB 3173 relating to Opa-Locka Parks and Recreation.. -- Facilities are in dire need of additional security measures including fencing and security improvements.

HB 3361 relating to The Overtown Youth Center. - - The Overtown Youth Center (OYC) provides overall management and oversight for programmatic services for K-12 students. OYC's mission is to bridge educational, social and emotional gaps for these students; as well as delivering girls specific programming. Services include mentoring, bi-monthly workshops, in-school and after-school programs, and a six to eight week summer program. Programs provide year round academic support, enrichment, recreation and STEM and exposure activities.

HB 3175 relating to Renewed Minds Educational enrichment Program. -- Facilitate an atmosphere of academic and extracurricular enrichment. The program will focus on students in Kindergarten through eighth grade to support them in reading, math, science, homework assistance, after school/summer tutoring, mentoring, academic enrichment, project based learning (PBL), and social emotional learning (SEL)

HB 3273 relating to Florida Children's Initiative Food Security Project. -- Engage children in wilderness education programs and park experiences .Expand community gardening in the neighborhood. Engage children in robust fitness activities including year-round comprehensive athletics programs. Provide nutrition and healthy cooking lessons. Increase access to healthy meals.

HB 3363 relating to New Horizons After School and Weekend Rehabilitative Program. -- Social skills group activities focusing on building healthy relationships and effective ways to address social problems. Teaching victim awareness and development of compassion for others during mentoring and community / enrichment activity. Mental Health - Individual, Family and Group Counseling to strengthen functioning, therapeutic activities to promote emotional and behavioral stability. Youth connection to job opportunities, vocational rehab programs and skills training. Those youth obtained employment and have maintained their jobs for over 3 months.

“I am proud to have been able to help secure much needed resources and funding for the House District 109,” said **Representative Bush**. “This took hard work, vigilant collaboration, and relentless persistence in this legislative environment. I am committed to continuing to support the constituents of the district and of the great State of Florida.”

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