

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Spring Grove Village Community Center Renovation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cincinnati located at 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

The funding would be used to convert the historic Matthew United Church of Christ building into a new community center after the loss of Harmony Lodge, the neighborhood's former gathering and event space. Built in 1911 and located in the community's central business district, the church building has been offered for donation and will be renovated to serve as a community hub. The project will transform the chapel and basement space into areas for community meetings, youth programming, arts and music events, wellness activities, and private gatherings, supported by a commercial kitchen for community meals and fundraisers. The space also includes a parsonage that will be converted into two affordable housing units. Renovations will include facade improvements, energy-efficient upgrades, HVAC replacement, and window repairs to modernize the aging structure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will repurpose an underused and deteriorating property into a shared community space that will strengthen public safety, support youth engagement, expand opportunity, revitalize the neighborhood, and promote community wellbeing. In addition, the project will create local jobs and support small businesses, ensuring the investment delivers both immediate and long-term economic benefits.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Congressman Greg Landsman