

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Revitalization of the Historic Phyllis Wheatley Westside YWCA Atlanta in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is YWCA of Greater Atlanta, located at 957 N. Highland Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. The funding would be used to renovate and invigorate the 22,000-square-foot historic Phyllis Wheatley Westside YWCA so that it can reopen and reclaim its prominence as a compassionate community center for women and their children, providing vital programs and resources to empower women into new careers, jobs, and opportunities. Long owned and operated by the YWCA, this facility has been dormant since 2015 and this project would fund critical foundational and structural construction and renovation work to set the stage for the building to reopen and once again serve the historic community of Atlanta's Westside.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the further renovation of the building will allow for the construction of an early learning center, technology training lab, gymnasium, classrooms and meeting rooms, an activity area, medical clinic, outdoor playground, and administrative offices. While these aspects of the renovation will be funded through other sources, the work funded through this project will literally set the foundation for these new spaces, and for the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA to provide crucial services, such as early childhood education, a Digital Skills Academy, social services navigation support, trauma-informed care, and onsite health clinic services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams

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