

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Fountain House Bronx Residence in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fountain House, Inc., located at 372-376 E 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455.

The funding would be used to construct one new 10-story, 31-unit supportive housing residence. The new supportive housing residence will provide 30 studio units of affordable rental housing, with 60 percent of units reserved for formerly homeless individuals with severe mental illness. The remaining units will be reserved for individuals with incomes up to 80 percent of the Area Median Income. Fountain House will provide onsite social services that will be available to all building residents. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Bronx has the highest prevalence of serious psychological distress in New York City and individuals are at risk of becoming homeless without the proper support, further exacerbating the city's unhoused population issue.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ritchie Torres", followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress