

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 Belmont Community Land Trust Affordable Housing in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, located at 103 East 196th Street, Bronx, NY 10468.

The funding would be used to purchase property to create new affordable housing. The project would become the first new construction affordable housing development on land owned and controlled by a community land trust (CLT) in the Bronx. CLTs ensure long term affordability and additional technical assistance to ensure long term maintenance and stability of quality, safe, environmentally sustainable, and affordable housing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area in which this project is located has long been disinvested and marginalized, undermining housing values, exacerbating poor health and environmental outcomes and creating opportunities for illegal dumping, safety issues and urban blight. Investing in this project would increase access to affordable housing, improve local community outcomes, and support overall community development of the area.

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,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress

