

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Safety & Security Project - Exterior Lighting at Mott Haven Houses in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York City Housing Authority, located at 90 Church Street, New York, NY 10007.

The funding would be used to fund a comprehensive security infrastructure upgrade at Mott Haven Houses, a New York City Housing Authority development in the South Bronx. The project will install one or more of the following: CCTV cameras, layered access entrance systems, storefront entrances, intercom systems, and interior and exterior lighting around building entrances. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses public safety in one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the nation. Inadequate lighting, unsecured entrances, and lack of surveillance infrastructure create conditions that expose residents to preventable harm. This investment delivers lasting, physical improvements to the security of homes that low- and moderate-income families depend on, reducing crime and fear while improving quality of life for all residents of the development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by and consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 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

