

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4329

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Addressing Community Food Security Needs in Gulfgate project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harris County Hospital District, located at 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, TX 77401. The funding would be used to support the demolition, permitting, and construction costs associated with establishing Harris County Hospital District's Food Rx facility at Harris Health's Gulfgate Health Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address community food security and nutrition needs in the Gulfgate neighborhood by launching Harris County Hospital District's FoodRx program. The FoodRx program addresses health-related social needs, like food insecurity, poor nutritional knowledge, and lack of access to culinary education, that are prevalent in vulnerable populations and tied to poor health outcomes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress