

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

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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 HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Harris County Library of Things – A Community Tool Bank project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Harris County Public Library, located at 5749 South Loop East, Houston, TX 77033. The funding would be used for improving safety and providing enhanced multimodal access on an important east-west connection between two major roadways in Houston, TX. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because tool sharing programs help households avoid costly one-time purchases, freeing up income for essential expenses while still giving families access to high-quality equipment when they need it. Access to tools also supports job readiness in fields such as construction, maintenance, landscaping, and other skilled trades.

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