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

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
HUD, and Related Agencies  
2039 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for YWCA Tri-County Area**

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for the YWCA Multipurpose Community Center at the Pottstown Integrated Wellness Complex project in fiscal year 2024 through the Housing - CDBG, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is YWCA Tri-County Area, located at 315 King Street, Pottstown, PA, 19464.

The \$500,000 project will replace the Complex roof, replace and improve HVAC systems, and renovate ADA-compliant restrooms.

A persistent standing water problem has led to leaks running the entire length of the roof. The roof is irreparable and must be replaced to eliminate the standing water and protect not only the structure but the health and safety of people inside the building. The aging HVAC system includes a steam boiler installed in 1969 that must be replaced. Heat pumps that heat and cool one portion of the building also must be replaced. Air conditioning systems must be reconfigured to cool all three floors of the building. The restrooms are aging and present safety hazards.

The project is a good use of taxpayer money because YWCA's initiatives improve the Pottstown community's Social Determinants of Health: education, economic stability, built environment, health and wellness, and social and community connections, by promoting healthy activities, dialogue, problem solving, and systems change through enhanced collaboration. By taking a life course approach to place-based investments YW engages in connecting communities to the resources they need to thrive. Investments transform low opportunity zones into high mobility areas. The Complex increases YW's capacity to enhance the community's safety net by improving access to services, especially for marginalized or underserved communities;

advancing racial and social justice through outreach and advocacy; and increasing collaboration among community groups including schools, government, nonprofit partners, faith-based, and other stakeholders.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), (4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeleine Dean  
Member of Congress