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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting \$1.57 million for the City of Avondale's Historic Old Town renovations in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Avondale located at 11465 W. Civic Center Drive Avondale, AZ 85323. The location of the project is Western Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Dysart Road.

This project will serve to update public infrastructure and beautify the area along Western Avenue in the City of Avondale's Historic Old Town. One component of the project will reconstruct Central Avenue to 4th Avenue. The pavement condition in this section of Western Avenue is beyond its useful life and preservation treatments are no longer effective. This has resulted in poor drainage and rutting of the pavement at pedestrian crossings. Western Avenue is included in one of the City of Avondale's three Opportunity Zones (OZ), which are economically distressed areas that may have a significant rate of poverty or low-income households. By continuing to invest in the area, the City hopes to foster a sense of pride in residents and establish itself as a unique tourism destination.

**I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.**

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress