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Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman

House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member

House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc, located at 815 15th Street Douglas, AZ 85607-1631. The funding would be used to refurbish and upgrade the nearly 120-year-old former school that now houses Chiricahua Community Health Center's "Pediatric Center of Excellence". This historic building, an icon in the Douglas community, underwent extensive renovation in 2011, while maintaining the historic integrity of the structure. Its mission is to serve the primary healthcare needs of the community's children regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status.

Specifically, the exterior plaster of the adobe-style building must be replastered and painted to maintain the integrity of the facade. Additionally, upgrades to the landscaping and courtyard area will provide an inviting, interactive environment for the community. The addition of educational and tactile equipment such as whisper dishes (parabolic dishes that amplify and reflect sound) will allow children to interact and learn while at the center. Other playground equipment such as slides and climbing toys will encourage movement, balance, and agility. The ultimate objective is to provide children and their families from this rural border community with exceptional pediatric care. The building is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, as such the landscaping will use drought-tolerant, noninvasive plants and the irrigation system will be installed to maximize water efficiency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the integrity of a historic building where members of the community attended school and now seek healthcare services. The facility welcomes all children regardless of ability to pay or insurance status and is the primary source of pediatric primary care in Douglas, Arizona, and the surrounding communities. The educational playground will offer children a safe and developmentally appropriate place to play and learn. The city of Douglas, Arizona lacks educational and play opportunities that these enhancements will bring. Additionally, the drought-tolerant landscape and water efficient irrigation system are important for the well-being of our arid community. The

project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress