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Representative Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,


I am requesting funding for the El Pueblo Multi-Generational Outdoor Activity Complex in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tucson, located at 255 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. The location of the project is 101 W. Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ 85706. The funding would be used for the construction of the plaza, skatepark, pump track, outdoor fitness court, playground and walking path that would encompass the Multi-Generational Outdoor Activity Complex.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a priority project for the City of Tucson. This project is a part of the City of Tucson's plan to invest in areas that have experienced historic disinvestment, higher levels of violence and crime, and a need for area residents to feel safe and able to use their amenities and parks. By way of core connection amenities such as a colorful community plaza, skate park and pump track, walking path with play nodes and new playground, the improvements will cast a wide net of activities and age groups who will have a reason to intentionally utilize the services. Just under 70,000 residents live within a 2-mile radius of the park, of which 25% live below the federal poverty level. This is one of the reasons that this investment will help to provide meaningful opportunities for children and youth, while maintaining the opportunities for adults and seniors, creating a thriving multi-generational community space.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 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,



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Member of Congress