

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Teen Center Expansion project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Augustine, located at 75 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The funding for this project would be used to support the construction of a new teen center and make necessary site improvements required to meet municipal permitting and safety requirements. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a clear and immediate community need while expanding access to critical youth services. The teen center will provide safe, structured afterschool programming focused on academic success, workforce readiness, and leadership development, primarily serving low-income and working families.

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

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

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress