

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0904

May 23, 2025

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 Youth Crisis Center Youth Multi-Purpose Recreation Center project for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kids Hope Alliance, located at 1095 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

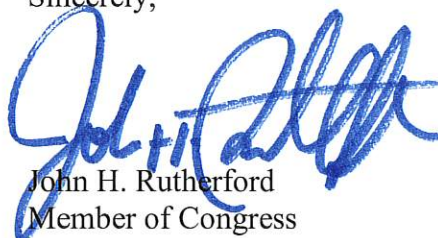
The funding for this project would be used to renovate and convert a warehouse on Youth Crisis Center's campus, into a multi-purpose recreation center for homeless youth ages 10-17. The multi-purpose recreation center would include a gymnasium, air conditioning, and water fountains.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the multi-purpose recreational center will afford opportunities for positive social activities that foster emotional and physical health in the homeless youth residing at Youth Crisis Center.

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