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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center Centennial Investment Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, located at 1301 N 10th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

The funding would be used for vital infrastructure needs which include timely modification, expansion, and safety improvements of our 15,000 SF facility and its grounds. Additionally, this funding will underwrite renovations which support program expansion for the Mary T. Wellcome Child Development Center and expansion of our current kitchen into a true community commercial kitchen aka Prep Kitchen. Prep Kitchen offers career pathways for local entrepreneurs to build and grow successful food and beverage businesses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this community center will provide critical job training and creation resources that will serve the taxpayers of Minneapolis.

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)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress