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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,370,277 in funding for the Colorado Springs community Homeless Services Improvement Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County, located at 200 South Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903.

The funding would be used to support critical capital improvements at the Springs Rescue Mission's Community Homeless Services Campus. Specifically, funds would be used to replace aging HVAC systems across multiple buildings and install a campus-wide commercial security camera system. These improvements will rehabilitate existing facilities, improve energy efficiency, enhance safety, and ensure the campus can continue to operate as a 24-hour, year-round resource for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as it invests in the rehabilitation and improvement of an existing community facility that provides essential services to a vulnerable population. Replacing outdated systems will reduce long-term operating and energy costs. The installation of a modern security system will improve safety for both residents and staff. These upgrades will strengthen the long-term sustainability of the facility, reduce strain on local government resources, and improve community conditions by helping transition individuals into stable housing and employment. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), which include the rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements to address conditions detrimental to health, safety, and welfare.

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

Sincerely,



Jeff Crank
Member of Congress