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UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ROSA L. DELAURO  
3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Womack, and Ranking Member Clyburn:

I am requesting funding for an Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant for the Veterans Memorial Lodge Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Bethany located at 40 Peck Road, Bethany, CT 06524. This funding will support a complete comprehensive interior and exterior rehabilitation to the Veterans Memorial Lodge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates the only multi-purpose public facility in Bethany, Connecticut transforming it into a safe, accessible, and resilient community resource that will serve every resident for decades to come. The Veterans Memorial Lodge is the community's sole public gathering facility, and its current condition prevents it from meeting the full range of community needs: it lacks a fire suppression system, adequate hygiene facilities for extended public use, ADA-accessible features, reliable backup power, and a safe paved parking area. As a result, vulnerable residents including seniors, people with disabilities, low-income families, and those without private means to shelter during emergencies that would be left without a safe, accessible community option.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5035(a)(2), 5035(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro  
Member of Congress