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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 M.L. Keefe Community Center Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Hamden located at 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518. This funding will support the rehabilitation of the Town's most important community facility, including energy-efficient improvements such as HVAC system replacement and energy-efficient window installation. The scope of work also includes clearance and removal of obsolete boiler equipment, reconstruction of the commercial kitchen, and rehabilitation of interior and exterior building components.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the rehabilitation will directly benefit thousands of Hamden residents who use the Keefe Center annually, with the greatest impact on low- and moderate-income individuals and families in southern Hamden. The project will restore the Warming Center's ability to operate on-site, expand the Food Bank's capacity by constructing a commercial-grade kitchen, improve accessibility for elderly and disabled residents, and create a safer, healthier, and more energy-efficient environment for all users of the facility. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5035(a)(2), and 5035(a)(4).

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