

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1503

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Chairwoman Kay Granger  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

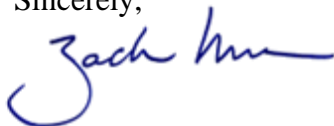
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting that the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$1,808,000 for the Reinvesting in Community – The Walnut Creek YMCA. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) of Des Moines, Iowa, located at 501 Grand Ave, Des Moines, Iowa. The investment will fund reinvesting in the revitalization of the Walnut Creek YMCA, will improve the health and wellness of all individuals in the community, expand the Y’s youth development programming and dramatically improve the safety of the facility. The project includes the following: essential renovation to the entrance and main lobby - The remodel and relocation of front offices will open the south wall to create an inviting entrance and welcome kiosk, and allow for the addition of much-needed multipurpose space. Multipurpose space that can be used for gatherings is vital to the Y’s efforts to enhance community building, create a sense of neighborhood, and deliver educational programming targeting the growing and changing demographics of this unique central Iowa community. This is a good use of taxpayer money because the YMCA is one of the oldest and largest non-profit service organizations in the United States, and they support their efforts through charitable contributions, membership dues, and program fees. A local Y boosts the local economy by increasing property values, employing hundreds of residents, and attracting and retaining businesses in local communities. Increased investment in health and wellness is essential to reducing healthcare spending.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Zach Nunn  
Member of Congress