

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1 million in funding for the Ottumwa Youth Center Initiative Project for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ottumwa Community School District, located at 1112 N. Van Buren Avenue, Ottumwa, IA 52501. The funding would be used to create a public and informal gathering place that becomes a creative space where young people and other community members gather to discuss, interact, and enjoy meaningful connection. The City of Ottumwa has taken a very active role in engaging the youth of our community over the past year, and the potential of this project is the next evolution of empowering our youngest citizens and allowing them to show and take part in their vision of the future of Ottumwa. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates a space for youth workforce development for community centered occupations and will improve youth mental health and overall community health.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 42 USC 5305(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 blue ink that reads "Zach Nunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "Z".

Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)