

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,000,000 in funding for the Des Moines Homeless Youth Building in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County, located at 111 Court Avenue, Room 230, Des Moines, IA 50309. The funding would be used for the Ember Recovery Campus Phase 2 Project which includes the expansion of a trauma-informed, nature-based residential recovery center for youth and young adults, including the construction of a workforce and wellness training facility, supportive family housing, and therapeutic outdoor spaces. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a fiscally responsible, high-impact investment that addresses Iowa's youth mental health and addiction crisis. It delivers sustainable, long-term value by expanding access to age-appropriate recovery services and creating pathways to stability and employment for vulnerable young Iowans.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zach Nunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zach" being more prominent than the last name "Nunn".

Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)