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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Austell Recreation Center project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austell, located at 5000 Austell Powder Springs Rd, Austell, GA 30106. The funding would be used for the City of Austell is seeking grant funding to support the construction of a 40,000 square-foot catalytic Recreation and Community Center in the heart of our historic downtown. The Recreation and Community Center will feature full-size basketball courts, volleyball and pickleball courts, a walking track, fitness areas, breakout meeting rooms, and dedicated programming space for active adults.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the Recreation Center and its amenities are intentionally designed to promote health and wellness, intergenerational engagement, and youth development in a city where access to recreational resources has historically been limited. In addition, this multi-functional facility is designed to serve as a hub for economic revitalization, community engagement, and emergency response for our underserved residents. Importantly, the facility will also serve a dual purpose as an emergency shelter in times of natural disasters, particularly flooding, which Austell is prone to experience.

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

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

Sincerely,



Lucy McBath
Member of Congress