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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in Fiscal Year 2025 for the following Community Funded Projects for proposals critical to the health, safety and economic well-being of the people of the 4th Congressional District of California.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration:

Lake County Sheriff Administration and Operations Center. Provide $3 million for Lake County, CA to begin construction and renovation of the Lakeport Armory to house the county's emergency operations center and sheriff administration building. Lake County has witnessed catastrophic natural disasters, and its remote location requires a centralized facility to coordinate and house its emergency operations center and law enforcement headquarters.

Senior Nutrition Meal Production Facility Capacity Expansion. Provide $500,000 for Meals on Wheels Yolo County to expand the senior nutrition meal production facility capacity. More than 85 percent of Yolo County seniors living in poverty remain unserved by Meals on Wheels Yolo. Last year, MOW Yolo established the MOW-Sutter Health Senior Nutrition Center in Winters. This 5,300 square foot facility includes space for a second active kitchen area. Meals on Wheels Yolo will use the requested funds to build a second kitchen, which would cost-effectively double the capacity of this facility to 2,200 meals per day. This would mean not only more seniors nourished countywide, but expanded nutrition access to seniors in rural communities, and increased availability of medically-tailored meals, as well.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security:

City of Rio Vista Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center project. I request $3.5 million for the City of Rio Vista to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by providing a flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable Emergency Operation Center. It will provide a fully capable facility to support command, control, and coordination of multi-agency responses to major disasters or emergencies. It will place the city's Emergency Operations Center outside of the flood plain due to its proximity to the Sacramento River. The city does not have levee protection should a large flood event occur. This new location will be outside the town center and away from traffic and the population center. It will be near its small municipal airport which provides a large area should additional logistical space be needed.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:

Vaca Valley Public Water System Consolidation - Phase I project. $3,400,800 for the Solano Irrigation District's Vaca Valley Public Water System project which consolidates two existing public water systems to facilitate the connection of existing homes that currently use point-of-entry treatment and bottled water for drinking because their existing supply does not meet drinking water standards. It will also increase the system's reliability and harden its infrastructure to improve firefighting capabilities by having a consistent and reliable supply of water.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:

Amtrak Depot / Olive Drive Connection. Provide $3.5 million for the Amtrak Depot / Olive Drive Connection Project. This project will construct a pedestrian and bicycle connection from Olive Drive to the Davis Amtrak Station. Amtrak is currently developing an undercrossing connecting its ADA improvement project at the station, and this funding would connect the Amtrak Depot to Olive Drive. The connection will provide residents of Olive Drive the ability to walk and bike downtown, access basic needs and social services in other parts of the city, and utilize Amtrak and bus options. It will also improve public safety by providing an alternate route that is safer and easier to cross Olive Drive and South Davis than the busy Olive Drive/Richards Boulevard intersection.

Donald Gap Transportation Project. Provide $2.5 million for the Donald Gap Project which will provide active transportation improvements, including bike lanes and sidewalks along State Highway 12 (SR-12) where existing facilities lack safe access for bikes and pedestrians. The project will ensure that the surrounding community has safe and reliable active transportation access to the City of Sonoma. The community is heavily dependent on the businesses along the SR-12 frontage where pedestrian and bicycle travel facilities are limited. Despite current limitations, the region is heavily trafficked by pedestrians and bicycles along SR-12, causing conflicts between a high concentration of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians both day and night. These conflicts have led to several pedestrian fatalities in the past few years, and this project will significantly improve safety and reduce this risk.

Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Community Centers Project. Provide $3.3 million for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe to build a comprehensive community center providing educational and workforce training opportunities, meeting and workspaces, conferences and other event spaces, and partnership programs in a partnership with other tribes in the region. The Tribe will use the funds to design, plan, construct and purchase land for the center, and does not expect it will require any additional operational funding in the future.

Harmony Village Affordable Housing Project. Provide $2 million to the City of Vacaville to help build a 10-parcel subdivision that will house 20 families in ten single-family semi-detached duet homes in Vacaville. These homes are located on lots ranging from 2,700 – 3,680 square feet. The hard-working, low-income families that purchase these homes will live in a neighborhood easily accessible through public transportation, in an area with conveniently located retail stores, and surrounded by infrastructure and city resources.

Napa River Ecology Center Project. Provide $3 million to American Canyon, CA to repurpose an industrial site into a regional destination for education, recreation, and conservation. Key components include: an education center and gathering spaces, community walking paths, wildlife viewing deck, and an outdoor classroom. By removing blight and improving the site, the project generates new educational, economic and tourism benefits that are unique to the region. The site currently houses a county maintenance facility that over time has become surrounded by residents and trails, making this industrial use incompatible with the neighborhood. The project will remove physical and visual barriers to the adjacent Napa River wetlands while also rehabilitating/beautifying an existing building with architectural enhancements, ADA accessibility upgrades, energy efficient HVAC and lighting, and community-focused programmatic amenities. The site is located along the San Francisco Bay Trail and is an ideal location for recreation and education. Because it is situated at sea level, the project will include resilience measures to protect against flooding, in addition to documenting weather events such as tidal flows and high-water events. The area adjacent to the site is an important stop along the Pacific Flyway and is recognized for its abundance of flora and fauna, including several threatened or endangered species. The project removes existing debris, equipment, pavement, outbuildings, and appurtenances thereby conserving and protecting the adjacent habitat for these species.

Moorland Pedestrian and School Access Project. Provide $2.5 million for the Moorland Pedestrian and School Access Project. This project would complete the sidewalks along the southern half of Moorland Avenue, enabling residents to more safely access five bus stops, a nearby grocery store, and Andy's Unity Park. The project would also develop a safer route to school for Bellevue Elementary students via a new trail segment along the existing publicly-owned road right-of-way. This trail would connect West Robles Avenue and Oasis Drive, two low traffic streets, and provide a more direct connection to the school than the existing route along Bellevue Avenue, which does not currently have a safe crosswalk. The project would also eliminate sidewalk gaps along West Robles Avenue and enhance two intersection crossings to complete the route.

Napa Valley Vine Trail Project. Provide $3 million for the Napa Valley Vine Trail. This funding will finish the design phase of the eleven-mile paved path north from Yountville through St. Helena, parallel to SR-29. The project connects the currently-under-construction eight-mile section of the Vine Trail from Calistoga to St. Helena to the existing 12-mile Vine Trail from Yountville to downtown Napa, allowing residents to walk and cycle the full length of the Napa Valley. This project will close the gap in the 47-mile regional bicycle and pedestrian transportation network from the Vallejo Ferry Port to Calistoga, providing cyclists and pedestrians with a safe alternative to the use of SR-29 between Yountville and St. Helena and connections to schools, jobs, and services.

South Main Street / Soda Bay Transportation Project. Provide $5,041,000 for the South Main Street / Soda Bay Road Widening and Resurfacing Project. The South Main Street and Soda Bay Road Project will enhance road safety and traffic efficiency by widening the roadway and adding a center lane. The project will incorporate complete street elements, including the construction of Class 2 bike lanes, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters aimed at improving overall safety for both motorists and bicyclists. The project will also improve access to local businesses, rehabilitate aging pavement such as cracks and potholes on the roadway, improve roadway surface drainage, and underground existing overhead utility poles.

Tierra de Rosas Public Plaza Project. Provide $660,000 to Sonoma County Community Development Commission to complete the Tierra de Rosas Public Plaza project, which is the final component of the Tierra de Rosas Public Infrastructure Improvements Project. Funding will be used to prepare for construction of a mixed-use development on a currently blighted and largely vacant shopping center property situated in the heart of Santa Rosa's Roseland neighborhood. The plaza will provide a public venue for community events, space for small businesses to operate, and recreation opportunities for kids and families. The Public Plaza at Tierra de Rosas will provide a long-awaited, vibrant hub for the predominantly low-income, Hispanic, and historically underserved Roseland community. Community Project Funding will contribute to the completion of the plaza by purchasing playground furnishings and equipment for installation. This project has been planned in coordination with community groups who represent and provide a voice for the Latino community in Roseland and Southwest Santa Rosa, a historically underserved community where the Latino population is 68 percent of the resident base. This project complements 75 units of affordable rental housing (24 extremely low-income units and 50 very low-income units), 100 units of market-rate rental housing, a civic building for community uses, a commercial parcel envisioned as a "mercado" food hall, and a one-acre public plaza that will serve as a community gathering place.

Yolo County Crisis Now Project. Provide $2 million to Yolo County to cover start-up capital costs including construction and remodeling, purchase of a crisis response vehicle, and engineering and facility fixture costs. Yolo County and three local cities have partnered to create an innovative mental health crisis response center. The full program is projected to cost $25 million over three years, with $23 million coming from state, local or other sources. The crisis center includes a high-tech call center, mobile behavioral health crisis teams, and a crisis receiving and sobering center.

Yountville Resiliency Project. Provide $4 million for the City of Yountville's microgrid project. This project seeks to significantly enhance grid resiliency and reliability in the region which is frequently impacted by wildfires. The project seeks to integrate renewable energy sources and increased battery storage to create a standalone power solution that can operate independently from the traditional power grid. This will provide reliable power to safeguard against the increasing natural disasters in the region.

Thank you for your consideration of these projects which will benefit the people of the 4th Congressional District of California.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson
Member of Congress