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

I am requesting funding in Fiscal Year 2026 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:

Provide $500,000 to the **Yolo Food Bank Mobile Pantry Truck project** to purchase a truck to start a mobile pantry program that will serve Yolo County's rural residents, providing a unique and convenient method for the community to access fresh produce. According to the YFB's 2023 Yolo County Food Access Survey, almost one-third of Yolo County residents experience food insecurity. Nearly 20 percent of those who need food assistance do not access food relief resources. One of the reasons for this gap is the lack of access to transportation. By purchasing a food truck, YFB can bring fresh, locally sourced food to our community. The mobile pantry will be year-round and focus on seasonal produce purchased from local farmers. YFB will hire an Ag Procurement Manager, who will leverage our established relationships with local farmers and food hubs, to facilitate the purchase of fresh, local produce that we can provide on the Mobile Pantry Truck.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice Science, and Related Agencies:

Provide $350,000 for the **City of Clearlake Public Safety Camera System project** for a camera system that would help monitor high-risk areas, providing real-time information to emergency responders and residents, thereby improving evacuation procedures and overall safety. The camera system would allow the Clearlake Police Department to monitor high risk areas as well as other locations that see high crime and public safety risks. As a rural and small police department, the enhanced public safety camera system would minimize response times, strengthen crime prevention efforts, and improve public safety.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security:

Provide $3.5 million for the City of Rio Vista for the **Rio Vista Fire Station Community Service Building project**. This project will 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:

Provide $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 Project. Provide $3.5 million to the City of Davis, CA 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 makes it 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 to Sonoma County, CA 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 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 Center Project. Provide $3.5 million for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe to build a comprehensive community center providing educational and workforce training opportunities, meeting and work spaces, conferences and other event spaces, and partnership programs with local and regional community members. The Tribe will use the funds to design, plan, construct and purchase land for the center.

Moorland Pedestrian and School Access Project. Provide $2.5 million to Sonoma County, CA 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 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 Bay Trail which is more than 350 miles, and connects communities, parks, open spaces, schools and transit. 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 migratory bird stop along the Pacific Flyway and is recognized for its abundance of flora and fauna, including several critical species. The project removes existing debris, equipment, pavement, and outbuildings thereby conserving and protecting the adjacent habitat for these species.

Napa Valley Vine Trail Project. Provide $3 million to the County of Napa, CA 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.

Solano Napa Habitat for Humanity Harmony Village Project. Provide $2 million to the City of Vacaville to help build a 10-parcel subdivision that will house 10 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.

South Main Street Project. Provide $3,000,000 to the County of Lake, Department of Public Works for the South Main Street Widening and Resurfacing Project. The South Main Street Project will enhance road safety and traffic efficiency by widening the roadway and adding a center left-turn lane. The project will incorporate complete street elements, including the construction of Class 2 bike lanes 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, playground equipment Project. Provide $660,000 to the Sonoma County Community Development Commission for the Tierra de Rosas Public Plaza Park Furnishings and Equipment is a final piece of the Tierra de Rosas Public Infrastructure Improvements Project 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.

Winters Unified School District Agriculture Site Modernization and Deferred Maintenance Project. Provide $4,000,000 to the Winters Joint Unified School District to complete the Agriculture Site Modernization and Deferred Maintenance Project. The Ag-Site is a vital hub for agricultural education and workforce development, offering hands-on training in welding, woodworking, floral design, livestock management, and more. To ensure safety and long-term viability of this site, critical facility upgrades are needed to enhance learning conditions and expand community engagement.

City of Yountville Microgrid Project. Provide $4 million for the City of Yountville's microgrid project which 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 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