

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4320

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Community Economic Prosperity Initiative in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alamo Area Council of Governments located at 2700 NE Loop 410, #101 San Antonio, TX 78217.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate a building to start providing services that will assist in economic development benefit to the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative represents a unique opportunity to transform a vacant property into a vibrant center of economic activity and community engagement. Further, this project aims to revitalize this landmark property and catalyze positive change in the surrounding area. At the core of the vision is the creation of a multifunctional space that serves as a nexus for small business support and entrepreneurial innovation. The renovated facility will house a comprehensive suite of resources, including access to capital, technical assistance services, training programs, and incubation space, all tailored to meet the needs of local entrepreneurs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Community Development Fund 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(4) clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation (including rehabilitation which promotes energy efficiency) of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance, and financing public or private acquisition for reconstruction or rehabilitation, and reconstruction or rehabilitation, of privately owned properties, and including the renovation of closed school buildings).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOAQUIN CASTRO". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joaquin Castro  
Member of Congress