

March 31, 2023

The Hon. Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Badger Prairie Needs Network Food Pantry Capital Improvement project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Badger Prairie Needs Network, Inc.  
1200 E Verona Ave  
Verona, WI 53593

This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will support the renovation of an existing food pantry facility to increase food storage capacity, upgrade inadequate restroom facilities, and add workspace at the food pantry to enable BPNN to meet increased demand for emergency food assistance in Dane County, Wisconsin. The project will benefit low and very low-income households in Dane County struggling with food insecurity by enabling the food pantry to accept, store, and distribute two million additional pounds of food annually. It will also allow the facility to add workspace and upgrade restroom facilities to better meet the needs of the all-volunteer workforce.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(4).

I certify neither I nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,



Mark Pocan  
Member of Congress