

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 River Food Pantry Expanded Facility Construction project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

The River Food Pantry, Inc.
2201 Darwin Road
Madison, WI 53704

This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will support the construction of a new food pantry facility with the capacity to annually serve over 13,000 people from low-income and underserved communities throughout Dane County, WI. The improved facility will increase service capacity via The River's combined food distribution programs by an estimated 40-50 percent over 8-10 years, resulting in a reduction of food insecurity experienced by Dane County residents, as well as improved nutritional outcomes for community members. The project will also provide for the availability of wrap-around services that address underlying causes of food insecurity, thereby reducing intersectional barriers to food access and a healthy diet.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Mark Pocan
Member of Congress