

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southside Senior Citizens Center, in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the city of Saint Louis, located at 1200 Market St, Room 200, Saint Louis, MO 63103. The funding would be used for construction of a new senior citizens facility. An updated facility from the current 83-year old construction will improve the resources and quality of life for our senior citizen population. The project hopes to incorporate overall improvements through offering education and social programming such as the prevention of fraud and elder abuse, crafts, appreciation of music and the performing arts, communicating with their elected representatives, book clubs, how to make healthier choices in food preparation, exercise tailored to their abilities, computer and technology lab space and other resources which provide seniors the opportunity to develop new skills or hone existing ones. Southside Senior Citizens Center will be able to better serve as a referral center that provides older adults, their families, friends, caregivers and neighbors with continuously updated information to support healthy aging. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project aims to improve the lives of our increased aging population within the state.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Wesley Bell
MEMBER OF CONGRESS