

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

May 23, 2025

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 **Camras Elementary School Sustainable Updates to CPS' Outdoor Spaces** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Board of Education, located at 3000 N Mango Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

The funding would be used to replace a deteriorating asphalt parking lot with a turf field and updated outdoor play space, including stormwater infrastructure and new playground equipment. These improvements will enhance the usability and safety of outdoor space for over 700 students currently enrolled at the school and will help mitigate local flooding in the surrounding neighborhood by incorporating green infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical infrastructure needs, reduces long-term maintenance costs, and improves site resilience in an area prone to heavy rainfall. It also promotes public use of school facilities during non-school hours and contributes to the overall improvement of the community's built environment.

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,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress