

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

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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 infrastructure and development of **Encuentro Phase II**, an affordable housing project in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chicago, Department of Housing, located at 121 N LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60602 .

The funding would be used to add approximately 98 rental units, following the 89 units built in the first phase of the Encuentro Square development plan (2023–2024). In addition to providing affordable rental housing for individuals and families, the development includes outdoor spaces for residents and connects to a planned public park, which will serve as a western entry to the 606 Trail and host community activities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to safe and stable housing, promotes neighborhood revitalization, and contributes to local economic development by broadening the tax base.

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 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