

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

March 27, 2026

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 **Kelvyn Park Community & Student Empowerment Hub** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, located at 42 W. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60602.

The funding would be used to create a Community & Student Empowerment Hub that will revitalize an underutilized public facility and expand access to workforce development, wellness, and community programming. The project will establish an Innovation Lab, Wellness Center, and outdoor learning space to support career readiness, improve community health, and provide a safe, accessible resource for residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses clear gaps in access to technology, training, and community services while reinforcing the school's role as a central neighborhood asset. By investing in public infrastructure that supports both individual opportunity and community well-being, the project delivers lasting, broad-based benefits.

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