

**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 **Portage Park** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Park District, located at 4830 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60609.

The funding will support the revitalization of the park, including upgrades to the field house such as ADA accessibility improvements, concrete and masonry repairs, HVAC upgrades, code compliance modifications, and interior finishes. It will also fund restoration of the 1959 Olympic-sized pool, along with exterior site improvements such as paving, landscaping, and lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the historic park—including its 1959 Olympic-sized pool—and upgrade facilities for safety, ADA accessibility, code compliance, and long-term public use through improvements to structures, systems, and site features.

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