

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 **Smyser Elementary Sustainable Updates to CPS' Outdoor Spaces** 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 replace an existing field with an artificial turf field. Additionally, CPS will install a containment curb, drainage infrastructure and stormwater retention system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it delivers a dual community benefit, improving outdoor recreational and educational spaces for students and families while addressing critical stormwater drainage infrastructure that will protect all area residents from flooding and extreme weather events for years to come.

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