

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 **West Chicago Downtown Public Market** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of West Chicago, located at 475 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 60185.

The funding would be used to provide low-cost incubator and pop-up spaces for aspiring entrepreneurs in West Chicago, expanding access to affordable opportunities to start and grow small businesses for low- to moderate-income families. Funding will also support the activation of a central downtown space with year-round markets and events, creating a vibrant gathering place for residents across DuPage county and surrounding areas.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in local economic development by lowering barriers for small business creation and supporting long-term job growth. It also maximizes public benefit by transforming an underutilized space into a year-round community asset that serves residents across the region, ensuring sustained economic and social returns on investment.

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