

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 02, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Altgeld Gardens Youth Entrepreneurship Accountability and Empowerment Program – Chicago, IL, in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is By the Hand Club for Kids, located at 415 N Laramie Ave, Chicago, IL 60644. The funding would be used to help to disrupt the deeply entrenched cycle of crime, violence, and poverty in the historic Altgeld Garden Housing Project by teaching accountability and life skills. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide critical intervention for at-risk youth using research-based solutions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress