



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

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mahaska County YMCA Infant, Youth and Teen Education Center Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mahaska County YMCA, located at 1521 Green St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

Funding for this project will be used to build a community facility to house the Oskaloosa Early Childhood Center and the Mahaska County YMCA. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because Mahaska County is in need of additional infant care, preschool childcare, school age childcare after school between the hours of 3-6 during the school year and all-day programming in the summer to combat summer learning loss. Additionally, we have a large middle school and teen population that is in need of tutoring, mentoring, career exploration, and life coaching. The Mahaska County YMCA Infant, Youth & Teen Education Center will serve as a multi-faceted childcare and youth education venue to address the remaining need for all ages of childcare in the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress