

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 24th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Thornton Avenue Apartments Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Newark, located at 37101 Newark Blvd, Newark, CA 94560.

This funding will be used for housing construction to improve housing affordability in the local community. Thornton Avenue Apartments (59 units) will be the first affordable housing community for families in the City of Newark, located in southern Alameda County. Over half of all units will be two- and three-bedroom homes. Presently, there are only 42 deed-restricted two-bedroom homes available to low-income households in Newark and zero three-bedroom homes. Additionally, the Project will redevelop vacant surplus City land and restore a key section of a principal commercial corridor to economic vitality. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project advances several City, state and federal policy objectives, providing much-needed affordable housing and restoring a key commercial corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress