

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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 Restoration of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Clara, located at 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110.

This funding will be used to renovate and repair a facility used to shelter and support homeless and unstably housed veterans. In November 2023, the County of Santa Clara acquired a privately-owned, 4.26-acre property that is improved with eight buildings totaling approximately 46,000 sqft. The property is used to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services for homeless and unstably housed veterans. The County's acquisition preserves the property for this continued use. Federal funds would support time-sensitive repairs, such as installing a new HVAC system, fixing the fire suppression system, and resolving ongoing plumbing issues, to improve conditions over the next three to five years while the County considers redevelopment options that would allow the property to serve more homeless and/or lower income individuals. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the rehabilitation of buildings consistent with community development and federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ro Khanna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ro Khanna
Member of Congress