

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 10th, 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 \$3,000,000 in funding for Improving Food Security in Santa Clara County in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Clara, located at 70 W Hedding St. San Jose, CA 95110.

This funding will be used to invest in energy efficient equipment and infrastructure upgrades necessary to ensure that a high volume of fresh foods and perishable food items can be accessed more readily, stored properly, and delivered safely to food insecure residents of Santa Clara County. Charitable food distribution in 2022 included nearly 12 million pounds of donated surplus food, an amount that will grow significantly as large institutions comply with new regulations beginning this year. The county will distribute funds to charitable food providers for the acquisition of physical infrastructure and energy efficient equipment that ensures safe food storage and distribution (e.g. commercial refrigerators and freezers, refrigerated trucks, produce washing stations). This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the construction and rehabilitation of buildings consistent with community development and federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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