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Chair Rosa DeLauro  
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Ranking Member Kay Granger  
Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

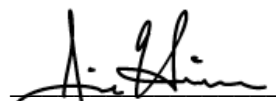
I am requesting funding for the City of Stamford to undertake the East Side Library project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiatives account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Stamford, located at 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901.

The City of Stamford is seeking \$3,000,000 to design and build a new satellite of the Ferguson Library system on the East Side of Stamford. Stamford's disadvantaged East Side currently experiences a book desert. While the Ferguson Library manages a bookmobile that makes scheduled stops throughout the community, East Side residents face challenges accessing the main library branch in the downtown core. The recent closure of a community center on the East Side further limits public places where families can gather. Funding would be used for the design and construction of a new satellite of the Ferguson Library system on the East Side of Stamford. The 10,000 square-foot building will replace a dilapidated structure on Courtland Avenue that has been deemed unsafe and must be torn down. The new structure will serve as both a library and a community center.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve educational outcomes and the quality of life for neighborhood residents. The library will provide a community gathering space and opportunities for individuals to find jobs, experience new ideas, access the Internet, and participate in life-long learning.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
JIM HIMES  
Member of Congress