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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Lawnhill Terrace housing development in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for the project is Charter Oak Communities (Housing Authority of the City of Stamford), located at 22 Clinton Ave, Stamford, CT 06902.


Charter Oak Communities is seeking \$450,000 to complete the renovation of Lawnhill Terrace, located at 37 Custer Street, Stamford, CT 06902.

Charter Oak Communities is in the fourth and final stage of renovating Lawnhill Terrace. Upon its completion, the development will offer 206 units. Lawnhill Terrace is 100% affordable housing, comprised of two and three-bedroom apartments serving a population of working families with incomes below the area median. While all residents of Lawnhill Terrace will have incomes below 60% of the area median, 38% of the apartments will be reserved for households earning up to 25% of the area median income, and another 21% will be affordable to those under 50% of the area median income. This project will be a welcome addition of affordable housing options in lower Fairfield County, which is one of the most expensive in the nation.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Lawnhill Terrace benefits low-and moderate-income persons and provides decent housing and suitable living environments. Additionally, the project is fully consistent with the City of Stamford's 2020-2021 Community Development Plan. The first priority addressed in the Plan's housing category is the preservation and expansion of affordable housing for low-and-moderate-income people. The target areas identified in the Plan include the neighborhood in which Lawnhill Terrace is located. The project is supported by local stakeholders, including residents of Lawnhill Terrace, whose resident association approved the renovation effort when it was initially proposed.

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