

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Childcare Development Center Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Long Beach Community College District, located at 4901 E Carson St., Long Beach, California, 90808.

This project will fund long-overdue upgrades to the Child Development Center (CDC) to better support the children of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The CDC offers half-day and full-day preschool programs for children at both the Liberal Arts Campus and Pacific Coast Campus, operating year-round.

Funding will be used to enhance outdoor learning environments through the installation of new playground structures, including climbing equipment, replacement arbors/trellises, interactive chalk art spinners, outdoor musical instruments, and science learning panels. These improvements are essential to the CDC's mission of delivering high-quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood education.

The new equipment will promote hands-on learning, helping children build critical socio-emotional and cognitive skills through play and exploration.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress