

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

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for College Estates Park Improvements Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA, 90802.

Project funding would be used to install new playground and park equipment, shade structures, safety surfacing, drainage improvements, and brining surrounding walkways and paths into ADA compliance. Current park equipment and facilities are worn, damaged and out of compliance with the ADA. The conditions prevent the surrounding walkways from meeting federal accessibility requirements and create mobility barriers for many users. Poor drainage contributes to premature wear, potential hazards, and reduced usability after rain events. Lastly, the lack of shade structures prevents the year-round usability of the park, which is increasingly important for heat protection.

Facility upgrades at College Estates Park are necessary to address aging infrastructure, safety concerns, and accessibility requirements. The existing playground has reached the end of its service life and no longer meets current standards for safety, drainage, and usability. While the footprint of the playground will remain the same, the equipment and surrounding infrastructure require full replacement to ensure the site continues to serve families safely and inclusively.

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,



Robert Garcia
Member of Congress