

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 Ford Park Gym And Community Building Renovation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bell Gardens, located at 7100 S. Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens, California, 90201.

This project will install a much-needed HVAC system at the Ford Park Gymnasium and Community Multi-purpose Room. The building was built in the 1950s and has slowly been upgraded project by project, as funding has become available. Installing an HVAC system will not only provide a facility with year round climate control and thereby enhance the programming already offered at this facility, but it will also allow the City of Bell Gardens the ability to open a Resiliency Center during disasters and emergencies. A safe and comfortable public recreational facility will improve the quality of life for community residents, with clear public safety benefits.

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 "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress