

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 Maywood Teen Center in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Maywood, located at 4319 E Slauson Avenue, Maywood, California, 90270.

The City of Maywood will use FY26 Community Project Funds to design and construct an 8,188-square-foot Teen Center that will serve as the City's first dedicated facility for youth, young adults, and their families. Located on City-owned property, the Center will operate daily and offer a wide range of educational, recreational, cultural, health, wellness, and tech-based programs in partnership with community organizations. It will help address a critical gap in services in Maywood, a densely populated, working-class community with high poverty rates, low educational attainment, and limited access to youth-focused spaces and digital resources. Designed with sustainability in mind, the Center will include community rooms, a kitchen, modern technology, and drought-tolerant landscaping. The facility is expected to attract 20 to 50 youth daily, providing a safe, supportive space for after-school engagement, leadership development, mentoring, and workforce training. As a regional resource, it will also serve youth from neighboring communities such as Bell, Cudahy, and surrounding unincorporated areas, fostering cross-community collaboration and empowering the next generation of leaders. The project is a cornerstone of the City's broader efforts to strengthen socio-economic infrastructure, improve public health outcomes, and promote equity and opportunity through youth investment.

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