

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 Implementation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Vision Plan in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA, 90802.

Funding will be used to create an African American Heritage Park that integrates education, reflection, and community pride while honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as the installation of basketball courts, a walking path with fitness equipment, enhancements to the community garden, and playground improvements.

Between 2022-2024, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine conducted extensive community outreach to develop the Martin Luther King Jr Park Vision Plan. The plan was filed and adopted by the City Council in 2024. In 2025, the project received funding for park improvements, a capital project was initiated, and a project team was assembled. In early 2026, the project team confirmed the scope with key stakeholders and initiated the design process.

This funding will go towards the implementation of that vision plan and the construction of much-needed new amenities and community space.

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