

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 Promenade Square Park, Fountain, and Promenade Beautification. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA, 90802.

This project will focus on modernizing Promenade park between Ocean Boulevard and Third Street site and surrounding corridor through refreshed and new shade structures, upgraded amenities, enhanced landscaping with water feature, and general beautification treatments designed to improve comfort, usability, and the overall appearance of this key downtown destination.

Funding will support improvements throughout the Promenade corridor, including new landscaping, seating areas, pedestrian-oriented amenities, and shade features that create a more comfortable and inviting environment for daily use. Within the park space, the project will include modernization of existing amenities and targeted site improvements that enhance functionality while maintaining the open, community-focused character of the space. Planned enhancements include the installation of new hardscape with a water feature to replace the feature previously located at the site, to provide an engaging gathering space for residents and visitors. The project will also include long overdue upgrades to existing park amenities, along with general site improvements that refresh and modernize the space for everyday community use. Together, these enhancements will create a more cohesive and welcoming public environment that encourages residents, workers, and visitors to spend time in the area.

Investments in placemaking and public space improvements are critical to supporting the long-term vitality of downtown. By creating a refreshed, well-maintained, and attractive environment, the project will help strengthen perceptions of safety and encourage greater foot traffic throughout the corridor. Increased activity and visitation directly benefit surrounding restaurants, retailers, and small businesses by drawing more people into the downtown core and encouraging longer stays. As a central pedestrian corridor, the Promenade serves as an important gathering place for the community, and these improvements will help ensure it continues to function as a vibrant and welcoming destination for years to come.

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