

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 West Health Facility Safety Improvements 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.

The West Health facility currently faces significant security challenges impacting client and staff safety. Safety investments in the facility will include a badge access system and security cameras to monitor the facility's entrances and exits. Additional funding will be used to repair a frequently inoperable elevator, enhancing mobility for people with physical disabilities and parents with strollers participating in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program. These renovations represent a crucial investment in the safety and well-being of West Long Beach residents, including those utilizing WIC, The Children's Clinic, and other early childhood education programming.

These upgrades directly support the Health Department's strategic vision by prioritizing public health and safety, ensuring that health facilities are not only equipped to handle emergencies but are also resilient in the face of future challenges. The Health Department envisions a Long Beach where a person's ZIP code or identity does not determine the chances they and their family have for a healthy and prosperous life.

These investments will improve the quality of life for residents of West Long Beach, by providing critical nutrition and preventative care, in an area impacted by several environmental burdens including freeways, goods movement, and industrial activity. Ensuring medial services are easily accessible will help improve health outcomes of residents on the Westside. Investing in the West Health Facility, will reduce the time residents have to travel to the Main, or North health facility on the other side of town.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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", written over a white background.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress