

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 the Willow Springs Trailhead Project 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 Willow Springs Trailhead Project will create a large outdoor education trailhead at the park entrance on California Avenue that will reuse the remnants of a former 1906 Train Depot building which was moved to the site to serve as the education center and trailhead but was destroyed by fire in 2016. The trailhead will feature a shaded outdoor plaza reminiscent of the scale and architecture of the 1906 Train Depot that serves as a gathering area. The project will install interpretive elements that provide the history and stories of the former building and interpretive signage of the surrounding area. Other elements include native landscaping, ADA parking and access to the Trailhead structure, and lighting.

The Willow Springs Trailhead project will enhance public access for residents and visitors from near and far, will support environmental education and ecological resilience, all in support of our local Parks and Marine Strategic Plan of 2022-2032, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan for 2023-2028, and Los Angeles County 2025 "Our County" Sustainability Plan.

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