

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for CHiPS Mobile Food Pantry Unit in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project Community Help in Park Slope, Inc. (CHiPS), located at 200 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11217. The funding would be used to acquire and equip a van as a mobile food pantry vehicle to serve low-income residents of Brooklyn communities lacking adequate access to nutritious, fresh foods.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because acquiring and equipping a vehicle for mobile food distribution will expand the capacity of CHiPS to meet the increasing needs of low-income communities, including public housing, in Brooklyn. The van will be equipped with cold storage, enabling preservation and distribution of fresh produce in addition to nutritious shelf-stable foods to communities, including elderly and disabled residents, who do not have nearby access to fresh and nutritious foods. CHiPS has maintained a robust, highly effective food distribution program and this expansion project is strongly supported by local communities, stakeholders, and elected officials.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Department of Housing and Urban Development – CDBG Economic Development Initiative (EDI) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) related to the acquisition or installation of improvements.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress