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April 29, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the East Smithfield Neighborhood Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithfield, located at 64 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917.

This funding will be used for the Phase I renovation of the East Smithfield Neighborhood Center. The Center is situated between two affordable housing complexes for senior populations, and within an area designated as a Health Equity Zone by the Rhode Island Department of Health. The physical improvements in the Phase I renovation will address issues identified as part of the Town of Smithfield's lengthy comprehensive planning process and will incorporate COVID-19 public health design considerations. Renovations will include insulation, window and door replacement, siding, roof replacement, upgrades to existing bathrooms to provide ADA accessibility, updating all interior finishes and coatings, and all new electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. The renovation will permit the Town to provide and expand COVID-19 related services to their senior population and vulnerable residents and families. The facility will also offer health screenings, influenza vaccinations, access to telehealth to improve connectivity to health care services, and an expanded food pantry to address an increase in food insecurity among area residents. The renovated space will be an investment intended to decrease health disparities and improve connectivity to health care services and programming space for seniors and Town residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Cicilline".

David Cicilline  
*Member of Congress*