



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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 DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rue Ferrari Emergency Interim Housing Site Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San José, located at 200 E Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113. The funding would be used to completely fund the onsite community center and laundry facilities, key infrastructure that enables supportive services, a full kitchen, and a gathering space for residents at the Rue Ferrari Interim Housing Site.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of San José has declared a shelter crisis to help address high levels of unsheltered homelessness. The city is now expediting numerous emergency interim housing projects during the pandemic that have been very effective in providing interim shelter to the most vulnerable people in the community. As of March 1, 2023, the site had exited 48 percent of residents to permanent housing, a rate far exceeding regional outcomes for traditional shelter. Given the impact that the Rue Ferrari interim housing facility has had the City is in the process of expanding the current community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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 "J. Panetta", written over a blue circular stamp.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress