



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 Scotts Valley Town Center project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Scotts Valley, located at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. The funding would be used to acquire 8.15 acres of land, with the eventual goal being to develop 14 total acres of vacant land into a mixed use "downtown" urban core, including affordable housing. The city already owns 5.89 acres of the site but needs to purchase the remaining 8.15 acres in order to move the project forward.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the city is committed to removing barriers to developing affordable housing and developing this site is critical to achieving that goal. The rental market regularly has a 0% vacancy rate. The city recently approved a mixed-use project with 52 apartments but needs additional affordable housing to support its workforce and economy. This site has been identified for the last 2 RHNA cycles as an opportunity for the development of affordable housing, yet it continues to sit vacant. The current RHNA cycle requires the city to plan for 1,220 new housing units, with over 800 being affordable.

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

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", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress