



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,500,000 in funding for the Scotts Valley Youth Center project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County located at 543 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The funding would be used to construct a new 7,500 square foot youth center to serve the children of the City of Scotts Valley and surrounding San Lorenzo Valley communities.

The project is an authorized use of taxpayer funds because it will alleviate the acute shortage of childcare and youth services in the Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley communities. According to the Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County's 2023-2028 Early Care Education & After School Care Strategic Plan, there is a shortage of approximately 734 subsidized school-age care spaces in the City of Scotts Valley, as well as 1,248 in nearby San Lorenzo Valley communities. This project will allow the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County to double their capacity in Scotts Valley, serving an estimated 150 children and teens per day.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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