



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jade Street Universally Accessible Playground project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Capitola, located at 420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, CA 95010. The funding would be used for constructing the playground, installing universally accessible equipment, and applying rubberized surfacing for inclusivity.

Additionally, the funds will be used to build a new ADA-accessible restroom facility to replace the existing one and enhance the pathway connecting the playground to the restroom, improving accessibility across the park. Integrating the outdoor spaces of the adjacent community center into the park will involve creating seamless pathways and entrances, along with adding shared amenities like accessible seating areas and recreational features. Lastly, funds will be used for various upgrades and enhancements to the park overall.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it prioritizes equal access to recreational opportunities for all members of the community. By replacing an outdated facility with a playground featuring universally accessible equipment and facilities, the project ensures that individuals of all abilities can enjoy the park. Additionally, the commitment to accessibility extends to overall park improvements, including upgraded amenities and enhanced landscaping.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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