



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**  
**Jimmy Panetta**

March 27, 2026

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 Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$ 858,772.32 for the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building Repairs project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Cruz located at 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, Calif., 95060. The project would repair the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial building, modernizing failing infrastructure, including the building's elevator, electrical systems, and plumbing, to meet current safety and ADA accessibility standards and ensure that veterans can safely access essential services.

This investment is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it preserves and extends the life of an existing public facility that serves 80–100 veterans weekly with benefits assistance, housing support, food distribution, and connections to care. The building also functions as an emergency shelter during disasters and hosts a wide range of community programs. Addressing failing systems now prevents more costly future repairs, avoids service disruptions, and ensures continued ADA-compliant access for a vulnerable population.

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,

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress