

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the rehabilitation of Clear Creek Makerspace in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wheat Ridge, located at 7500 W. 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033.

Funding would be used to repurpose underutilized outdoor space immediately south of the current Clear Creek Makerspace (CCM) into a vibrant outdoor Creative Commons as a means to amplify the CCM impact on local economic development and small business growth. The Creative Commons would subsequently provide outdoor workspaces for high-impact creative activities, including 13 rentable, modular micro-studios for small business incubation. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the makerspace has been a hub for creativity, education, and small business development in Wheat Ridge. By integrating 13 rentable micro-studios into CCM's ecosystem, it will serve as a business incubator designed to provide affordable, low-risk workspace for entrepreneurs, retain creative talent in Wheat Ridge, attract new business owners, and add to the increase of small-scale manufacturing, continuing to drive local sales tax revenue.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress