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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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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 Roosevelt School Housing Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Monadnock Affordable Housing Corporation located at 831 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431.

This funding will be used for the first phase of development and repurposing of the Roosevelt School, a former elementary school, into affordable apartments. This first phase of development will enable the Monadnock Affordable Housing Corporation to build 30 affordable apartments. Once phase one is complete, Monadnock Affordable Housing Corporation plans to build an additional 30 units, bringing the total affordable housing units to 60, including 45 one-bedroom apartments, and 15 two-bedroom apartments. This project is a prudent use of taxpayers' funds because it will increase the housing stock in the City of Keene. New Hampshire has a severe housing shortage; the statewide rental vacancy rate is 0.5%, disproportionately affecting low- and moderate-income households. Phase one of this project will add 30 affordable apartments close to downtown Keene. The proximity to downtown will allow lower-income Granite Staters to have an affordable home within walking distance to a hub of jobs and amenities and bring a potential workforce closer to local businesses. In addition to the workforce housing benefits, by refurbishing a former school that is underutilized, the project will take what is currently a deteriorating building and turn it into something the community can be proud of.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress