



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

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County, PA Cold Storage Expansion and Refrigerated Truck in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County located at 109 South Sharpsville Ave, Suite A, Sharon, PA 16146. The funding would be used to expand the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County's cold storage area and to purchase a refrigerated food truck to go out into the community to assist those who are unable to get to the main location. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there are over 14,740 Mercer County residents, which includes 4,400 children facing food insecurity within Mercer County. This need has led more people to the Food Bank for assistance. Currently, the community food bank is anticipating feeding more people in 2023 than were served at the height of the pandemic. Last year, the Food Bank distributed 1.2 million pounds of food throughout Mercer County, much of it frozen and refrigerated food. Due to limited space the food bank had to rent off-site cold storage space costing them money that could be used for food. The food bank is being forced to turn away truckloads of much needed food due to the limited amount of cold storage within our facility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress