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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the National City Historic Granger Music Hall Community Center Restoration project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$2,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the City of National City, located at 1243 National City Blvd, National City, CA 91950.

This project would fund the restoration and transformation of Historic Granger Music Hall into a community center for arts and education. Funds would be used for roof replacement; structural repairs; painting; interior restoration and preservation; kitchen, restroom, and ADA accessibility upgrades; lighting and electrical upgrades for energy efficiency; landscaping and irrigation. Granger Music Hall, located at 1615 E. 4th Street in National City, CA, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been a local landmark for generations, serving as a beacon for music, education and cultural arts. Unfortunately, in 2008 the City was forced to close the approximately 3,500 square foot historic building due to safety concerns and lack of funding for major maintenance. Since then, water intrusion, vandalism and break-ins have taken a heavy toll, and the building continues to deteriorate rapidly.

This project is a good use of federal funds because the restoration and transformation of Granger Music Hall into a community center will provide much needed cultural, arts, and educational opportunities for families and children of a historically disadvantaged community that is significantly underserved in terms of access to community and educational centers.

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

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including County Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, National City Mayor Ron Morrison, National City Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, and National City Historical Society President Nancy Estolano.

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

Thank you for your consideration of funding for these programs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Rivas, at [michael.rivas@mail.house.gov](mailto:michael.rivas@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "V".

Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress