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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 Palomar Point - Permanent Supportive Housing - Phase II Environmentally Sustainable Improvements project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$767,000. The entity to receive the funding is the City of Chula Vista, located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

The funding would implement sustainable improvements at Palomar Point, a 27-unit permanent supportive housing community designed to serve individuals experiencing homelessness, including many with complex health, mobility, and economic challenges that make long-term operational affordability essential. While Phase I of the project supported core construction, Phase II focuses on ensuring Palomar Point's long-term sustainability. The Phase II project will include installation of a photovoltaic system, related electrical infrastructure upgrades, and the development of a low-water-use outdoor community space. Additionally, underutilized exterior areas will be transformed into a drought-tolerant gathering space with native landscaping, drip irrigation, permeable surfaces, shade structures, and ADA improvements.

This project is a good use of federal funds because these updates will offset electricity costs for units, common areas, and services spaces, and savings will be reinvested into operations and resident services so Palomar Point can continue to provide needed housing.

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

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, California State Senator Stephen Padilla, and California Assemblymember David Alvarez.

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.

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