

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

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The Honorable Chairwoman Granger
Chairman, House Committee on
Appropriations
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The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Mid-Ohio Food Collective Anti-Hunger Center project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mid-Ohio Food Collective at 4485 Refugee Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232. The funding would be used to support renovations to turn a vacant commercial space in Columbus, Ohio's South Hamilton/Eastland area into a new Anti-Hunger Center anchored by a Mid-Ohio Market, a re-imagined free food market that provides customers with the opportunity to shop for healthy, fresh foods with a dignified, grocery-store experience while offering other services to help our neighbors thrive.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Anti-Hunger Center will provide essential food assistance along with a community health center and holistic wrap-around services in an economically distressed community. The space will house additional support services and partner agencies for the underserved community. The project has a Federal nexus because of the funding provided for purposes authorized by Section 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,



Mike Carey
Member of Congress