



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Benton County Building 12 Community Agricultural Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benton County, located at 7122 W Okanogan Place, Suite E330, Kennewick, WA 99336.

The funding would be used to upgrade structural elements, plumbing, electrical systems, and HVAC technology. Currently, the building's lack of insulation, climate control, and modern utilities restrict its use. This leaves a significant gap in affordable space for youth organizations like 4-H and FFA.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the rehabilitated space to serve as a year-round venue for local nonprofits and community groups. This investment aims to foster regional community engagement and support the local economy by providing an accessible and energy-efficient space for gatherings that might otherwise be priced out of alternative venues.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress