

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0537

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Expanding Community-Based Primary Care with Integrated Substance Use Recovery Services in South Los Angeles in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Watts Healthcare Corporation located at 8005 S Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90003

The \$5,000,000 request would demolish and rebuild the current building of its historic House of Uhuru Substance Use Disorder (SUD) recovery and treatment facility. Once rebuilt, the site will reopen to provide comprehensive primary care, dental, and integrated health SUD services to the South Los Angeles community, with a particular focus on underserved neighborhoods including Compton, Watts, Jefferson Park, Hyde Park, South Robertson, Culver City, Downtown Los Angeles, West Adams, and Crenshaw.

The existing facility is no longer operational due to severe structural deterioration. As a result, many individuals who are low-income, uninsured, underinsured, or face transportation barriers travel outside the service area to receive essential but often fragmented care or go without care altogether. Preliminary assessments confirm that the facility cannot be safely renovated due to the aging structure, and a full demolition and reconstruction is required to restore services at this location.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sydney Kamlager-Dove'.

Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress