



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Whitakers, NC Community Center project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Whitakers, located at:  
302 NW Railroad Street  
Whitakers, NC 27891

The Town of Whitakers and its surrounding communities suffer from compounded challenges due to their remote location, limited public transportation, and restricted access to high-speed internet. These barriers hinder residents' ability to access employment and educational opportunities, which are more abundant in larger towns and cities throughout eastern North Carolina. The proposed Whitakers Community Center will be located in an available space within the Town of Whitakers, which will be renovated and equipped to house classrooms, work simulation labs, and a computer center. Rocky Mount OIC will offer its Integrated Training and Career Readiness programs, enhanced with specific modules on behavior counseling and workforce development, tailored to meet the local community's needs.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Davis  
Member of Congress

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