



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

May 21, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Urban Forest Workforce Housing Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Portsmouth Housing Authority, located at 245 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. The funding would be used for developing 44 units of permanently affordable workforce housing, as well as non-profit social services and community space to support these households and others throughout the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical need for affordable housing in one of the nation's most expensive housing markets. Providing affordable workforce housing is key in improving the lives and productivity of the workforce and sustaining the region's economic base.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code § 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress