



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 JFK Coliseum Chiller Plant Replacement in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Manchester, located at 475 Valley Street, Manchester, NH 03103. The funding would be used for replacing the chiller plant and switch gear at JFK Memorial Coliseum, which is an important municipal asset for the City of Manchester and surrounding communities. During the winter of 2022-2023, the facility saw over 54,000 individual users. The arena supports public recreation, as well as club teams at the youth, high school and adult levels.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will increase the reliability and performance of this critical community asset while also generating substantial savings for the City. These upgrades will also protect public safety by removing the need for the use of anhydrous ammonia, an unsafe refrigerant. Anhydrous ammonia presents many health hazards to facility users, staff and the general public, including first responders, if not handled properly.

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