



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I request your support for community project funding for the Improving Health and Living Environment Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, located at 2100 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee WI 53211.

The project would support building self-sufficiency and a suitable living environment while supporting a compelling local need that will contribute to community and economic development. This project builds upon the goal in the City of Milwaukee's CDBG Consolidated Plan for 2020-204 to "expand opportunities in the areas of economic opportunity, housing and quality of life, including improving access to health care services, wellness programs, and healthy food. That plan noted the need to identify and pursue strategies "that link housing and health" as part of efforts to improve access to safe, affordable housing in Milwaukee."

This project would attempt to do so by targeting nutrition interventions at pregnant women at <200% of the federal poverty limit to prevent, reverse, and stabilize disease and result in healthy birth outcomes. The program will be offered to pregnant women at risk of preeclampsia and/or gestational diabetes, identified by risk factors present in the first trimester.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will promote family and community stability by improving maternal health and increasing healthy birth outcomes for at-risk, low-income moms and babies. This project will impact an estimated 600 lives by improving the health of 300 low-income, at-risk pregnant women and improving birth outcomes for their babies while decreasing costs to taxpayers. The CDC estimates 20 of every 100 births involve preeclampsia, gestational diabetes, or both. Those 20 at-risk pregnancies result in \$470,868 in annual healthcare costs. Expected outcomes include healthier birth outcomes measured by birth weight and gestational age at delivery, increased adherence to pre and postnatal care, and increased food literacy.

The project will also support efforts to ensure homeowners can better access resources related to energy conservation and renewable energy resources by supporting a one-stop shop for low- and middle- income households to access existing state and federal support for home repairs, weatherization, energy efficiency. The project would include an evaluation on the best way to design such a program that can help individuals make energy efficiency and other home

upgrades that they are eligible for and access them in a coordinated fashion through a single point of entry. The energy efficiency and home energy improvements programs to be accessed are already income-bound to ensure service to the households that need it most.

The project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons, help prevent blight, and address community development needs that pose a threat to the health or welfare of the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.S C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Gwen Moore  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS