



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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 am requesting funding for the Electricity Program Expansion at Walker's Square project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), located at 700 W. State Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

The funding would be used for renovations and upgrades to the Walker's Square Education Center, including purchase of new equipment and construction of dedicated labs and classrooms in order to expand MATC's electricity technical diploma and apprenticeship programs to grow the number of students served annually to meet the region's workforce needs in this field. Completion of the renovation work will enable MATC to increase apprenticeship capacity and graduate more diploma-level electricians annually (a projected 56% increase).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding will support community and economic development activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income in the Milwaukee area. Specifically, program expansion will counteract a growing shortage of skilled electrical workers in the area. The projected need for electrical workers in the region is trending upward. The proposed expansion will directly inject 30 more skilled workers into the regional economy annually by increasing training capacity, expanding access to and training with industry-relevant equipment, accelerating time-to-graduation, and provide modern classrooms and labs.

As a public technical college, MATC serves a diverse population, including students of low and moderate income. It serves as an important entry point into the skill trades. The project will provide affordable and accessible education that leads to high-growth, high-earning careers, directly transforming the lives of individuals and their families.

The project has a federal nexus because funding requested is consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gwen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Moore".