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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the NewVue Communities Riverbend-Bigelow Schools Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is NewVue Communities, located at 470 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. The funding would be used to create a new intergenerational living community celebrating Athol's past in the preservation of local cultural assets, the Riverbend and Bigelow Schools. Fully permitted through the Athol planning board and ZBA, the project will provide families and seniors a collective residence comprising 53 units of affordable housing. The development will preserve the historic schools and add a new building which will extend off a central lobby extending to a wing of new apartments designed for an aging generation. The completed project will provide 20 one-bedroom, 24 two-bedroom, and 9 three-bedroom apartments. Project plans include both passive and active recreational spaces as well as communal garden plots that will make for an inviting community neighborhood. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress