



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Delauro,

I am requesting funding for the Downriver Miracle Field and Playground in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Southgate, located at 14400 Dix Toledo Rd, Southgate, MI 48195.

The City of Southgate desires to transform a large portion of its municipal center into a Miracle Field and Playground specifically designed for people living with a disability. The funding would be used to build a baseball field, dugouts, social pavilion, and playground. Each of these elements will be designed completely flat, to eliminate barriers for participants with visual impairment, and for those who use an adaptive device like a wheelchair, and it will also include a specialized surface that accommodates the use of adaptive devices. The project also includes ADA restrooms, bleachers, and lighting for evening events. This project is a valuable use of taxpayers funds because it will create a more accessible community space that will allow disabled persons from across the Downriver Communities to more actively participate in community events.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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 that reads "Shri Thanedar".

Shri Thanedar
Member of Congress

