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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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2007 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for Glide Revitalization Community Resource Center, Glide, Oregon, in the amount of \$2,000,000 within the Committee's Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Glide Revitalization, Oregon, located at 301 Glide Loop Drive, Glide, Oregon, 97443. The project will be located at 125 Wild Thyme Lane, Glide, Oregon, 97443.

Last year, Glide Revitalization, a 501(c)(3) organization, purchased a warehouse that it intends to renovate into a community resource center in Glide, Oregon, a rural community with a population of about 1,400 that was devastated by the Archie Creek fire in 2020 when it lost more than 100 homes.

The community resource center will provide affordable childcare, office space for social service agencies and caseworkers, a local library, Preschool Promise in partnership with United Community Action Network, a shared community conference room, youth after school programs, a youth technical development program, and space to provide temporary shelter during a local emergency. This center will serve the Glide Community as well as anyone within the Glide School District and residents of Douglas County who work in the Glide area and need access to childcare.

Phase I of renovations is estimated at \$1.5 million, focusing on building a childcare center in a secure wing of the building. Phase II will complete the remaining building renovations for the additional programs described above. The total cost to repurpose the building is estimated at \$3.1 million.

The Community Facilities Program is meant to fund essential community infrastructure that helps rural residents enjoy the same basic quality of life as those in urban areas, and that is exactly what this project would do. Glide needs federal investment to support its locally-driven work to open a resource center that will help this isolated rural community attract workers, make it easier for current residents to secure childcare and go to work, and provide an emergency shelter should another wildfire or other disaster threaten the area. This public benefit is a worthy use of taxpayer funds.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). As specified in 7 CFR 3570.53, any Community Facilities project must serve a rural area (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents). In addition, this request is subject to cost share requirements specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Glide's population makes it eligible for up to 75% grant funding under 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle
Member of Congress