

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Muslim American Society Bronx Muslim Center in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Muslim American Society of Upper New York, located at 702 Rhineland Ave, Bronx, NY 10462.

The funding would be used to construct a community center to serve the surrounding youth and senior population. The Bronx Muslim Center already serves the community and provides a host of programs ranging from food drives to job training to housing assistance in a space too small to meet the growing demand for services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the construction of the Bronx Muslim Center will allow the center to increase its social services to the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress