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May 2, 2025

Chairman Tom Cole  
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$5,700,000 for a community project funding request for the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, Inc located at the intersection of Cleveland St. S. and L. St. E. Jerome, Idaho 83301.

The funding would be used to construct a 20,000 square foot youth development center in Jerome, Idaho that will serve up to 300 kids per day. This center will provide an affordable, safe, and inclusive environment for kids to be during out-of-school and summer hours. Additionally, to meet the growing demand for childcare in Jerome, the facility will also have a dedicated wing for daycare services for children from birth to age 5, along with a daycare option. The center will also address food insecurity in Jerome by providing meal services to youth throughout the community, as well as having a designated space for a food pantry. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility will offer opportunities to serve teens through workforce development, community service, and access to higher education and leadership opportunities. Additionally, the City of Jerome lacks access to affordable childcare options, and this new facility will have dedicated space for childcare to meet the needs of the growing population, workforce and childcare gap.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purpose authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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 "Mike Simpson" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the letters "M.C." are printed in a small font.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress