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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 \$4,300,000 for a community project funding request for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Health and Human Services Facility. The intended recipient is the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe. The applicant is located at 73 Navajo Drive Fort Hall, Idaho 83203.

The funding will be used to construct a new 31,370 square foot facility for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Health and Human Services (THHS) Administration and Ancillary Services in a location near the Not-tsoo Gah-nee Indian Health Service clinic. The THHS facility would create a new larger and more functional facility for administrative and health-related needs, including providing behavioral health, public health, social services, victim/elder protection assistance, and medical non-emergent transportation programs. Currently, THHS services are housed in eight facilities throughout the Fort Hall Community that were never intended for their current use. Several of the facilities are old homes that are not easily accessed and do not provide enough space to provide services or offices for staff. Consolidation of THHS programs in one central area, with adequate space, will help improve services to the community. The new THHS facility will create a new larger and more functional facility for administrative and health-related needs for community members of all ages.

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" followed by "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress