April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1,500,000 for the Hope Community Center At-Risk Youth Project in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Mother A.M. Smith Community Center located at 299 Frank Street Barberton, Ohio 44203. The physical address of the project location is 299 Frank Street Barberton, Ohio 44203/Parcel ID# 0107859.

Hope Community Center’s, mission is to meet the needs of the community by bridging the divide for disadvantaged youth. The Hope Community Center serves an at-risk youth population and their families by providing guidance and activities such as recreation, tutoring, computer labs, and food distribution. These funds would be used for a capital building project for them to increase their capacity and to expand their services to those in need. Their plans include constructing a new community center and implementing activities for the youth and their families to prevent the youth from getting pulled in the wrong direction. This would allow them to provide resources and activities to keep the young people of Barberton progressing forward with their education, career goals, and to lay the foundation for lifelong success. Local youth and community will benefit from the center by offering a safe and inclusive space to socialize, making this a good use of taxpayer dollars.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress