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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for The Roots- A Community Hub for Newcomers in Colorado in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for the project is Project Worthmore, located at 1666 Elmira St., Aurora CO 80010.

Project Worthmore is seeking \$4,000,000 to renovate a building to support “The Roots” community space—a hub offering a place for refugees to gather, receive support and healthcare, and build a community for themselves. 60,000+ refugees live in the Denver Metro area, and this number continues to grow due to global events and the State of Colorado's willingness to welcome those who have been displaced. Through programming that brings both sides of the newcomer welcoming community together, Project Worthmore is building an intentional community of belonging, equity, diversity and inclusion.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. There is a wealth of research and literature that show the economic and social benefit of newcomers. For the past 11 years, Project Worthmore has been a key service provider for refugees, offering comprehensive programs built to increase equity, inclusion, dignity, and quality of life to over 4,500 refugees annually. This project will allow Project Worthmore to expand services to this vulnerable population, which will benefit our state and nation.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Crow".

Jason Crow  
Member of Congress