



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Refuah Health Center Construction in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Refuah Health Center, Inc. located at 36 Laurel Ave, South Fallsburg, NY 12779.

This funding would assist Refuah Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), in constructing a new outpatient facility in South Fallsburg, NY. This funding would support the demolition of a condemned, asbestos-laden schoolhouse and the construction of a permanent, 5,000-square-foot outpatient healthcare facility in South Fallsburg, NY. The new building will replace a temporary modular unit that has operated since 2013, providing a stable, modern medical home for residents of rural Sullivan County. Sullivan County ranks 60th out of 62 New York counties in health outcomes and has the state's highest rate of premature death. The area faces severe provider shortages, high rates of chronic illness, and limited access to care—31.8% of residents rely on emergency departments due to lack of primary care. The new facility will offer integrated primary care, women's health, mental health, and in-house pharmacy services.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses urgent health, economic, and environmental needs in rural Sullivan County. These funds will replace a hazardous building with a modern outpatient facility providing primary, mental, and women's health services to low-income residents. This project will reduce healthcare costs and improve patient access. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Refuah ensures efficient, equitable care regardless of ability to pay—making this a fiscally responsible and lasting investment.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes 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,

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Josh Riley
Member of Congress