



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Hudson Public Square Renovation. The entity to receive funding for this project is Friends of the Public Square Hudson located at PO Box 1214, Hudson, NY, 12534.

This funding would be used to revitalize the 7th Street Park (formerly the Public Square), a vital civic space at the heart of Hudson, New York. The park has fallen into disrepair, with broken pavement, an abandoned fountain, and unsafe pathways, rendering the space inaccessible and underused. The proposed restoration project aims to revitalize this key public area while maintaining its historic integrity and enhancing its functionality for the community.

The restoration would occur in several phases and include child-friendly infrastructure, pathways, seating areas, and landscaping designed to improve safety and accessibility. The park's perimeter would be upgraded with expanded sidewalks, street trees, and traffic calming measures, along with a safer pedestrian railroad crossing.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would restore an essential public space that serves as a community gathering place, hosting events such as farmers' markets, parades, and concerts. It would address long-standing issues of safety and accessibility, particularly for children and people with disabilities. Second, it aligns with Hudson's broader revitalization efforts, contributing to the city's economic and cultural development. By supporting this project, taxpayer funds would directly enhance a public space that provides both social and economic benefits to Hudson's residents and visitors.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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