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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Food to Share Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fresno Metropolitan Ministry located at 3845 North Clark Street, #101 Fresno, CA 93726. The funding would be used to finish construction on a food hub, a modern food logistics platform for Metro's Food to Share food recovery and distribution program, which has rescued and redistributed nearly 9 million pounds of healthy food the past 6 years that otherwise would have been thrown away

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide food access in an area that lacks it. The Food to Share Project is a partnership between Fresno Metro Ministries and St. Rest CDC and has a funding gap of \$400,000. The organizations have a history of creating infrastructure to pick up, store, and deliver fresh foods to residents without access, all while eliminating food waste. This project would provide a literal "hub" in a community where 48% of residents live in concentrated poverty and there are zero grocery stores within a 2-mile radius. This project is nearly finished, but stalled until they find \$400,000 to make up for rising construction/materials costs. I've included the full proposal for the Food Hub that provides additional information.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA  
Member of Congress