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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, House Committee on  
Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, House Committee on  
Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County Tradition Clubhouse project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, located at 3104 Avenue J, Fort Pierce, FL 34947.

The funding would be used to support the construction of a 21,000-square-foot neighborhood clubhouse in the Tradition community of Port St. Lucie, a rapidly growing area currently lacking a dedicated youth development and community facility. The clubhouse will serve as a safe, multi-use space providing academic support, workforce readiness training, mentoring, and recreational programming for youth, as well as a community hub for local residents. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical gaps in youth services, supports working families—particularly those in the regional jobs corridor—and promotes long-term economic mobility and public safety outcomes. Evidence shows strong return on investment through improved graduation rates, reduced juvenile crime, and increased workforce participation.

**The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).**

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

Sincerely,



Brian J. Mast  
Member of Congress