



March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Re: Kings Community Action Organization Centralized Kitchen Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the KCAO Centralized Kitchen in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kings Community Action Organization, located at 1130 N. 11th Ave., Hanford, CA 93230.

The Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) Centralized Kitchen Project will help construct a centralized kitchen attached to KCAO's complex in Hanford. The kitchen is part of the second phase of a multi-phase project designed to expand food access by constructing a 25,000sqft kitchen facility alongside KCAO's 200-person homeless shelter. The industrial-scale kitchen will provide warm meals 3 times a day for the adjoined homeless shelter and support other individuals in the county who are experiencing food insecurity. Further, it will feed over 800 meals daily for children enrolled in the Head Start and State Preschool Programs and Summer Food Meals Programs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this expands the capacity of the only food pantry and homeless shelter in the county and provides an essential extension of the county's social services.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress