

RUBEN GALLEGO
3RD DISTRICT, ARIZONA
COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
SUBCOMMITTEES:
RANKING MEMBER, INTELLIGENCE
AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS
TACTICAL AIR AND LAND FORCES

NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEES:
INDIAN AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
WATER, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES
OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0307

DC OFFICE:
1114 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-4065

DISTRICT OFFICE:
1601 N 7TH STREET
SUITE 310
PHOENIX, AZ 85006-2481
(602) 256-0551

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Yuma Innovation Hub in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Yuma, located at One City Plaza Yuma, AZ 85364. The funding would be used for a 75,000-square-foot facility to support extensive research and provide development laboratories for start-ups, private international companies, higher education institutions, and Department of Defense contractors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project would help build a 75,000-square-foot economic innovation facility will support research and business development for Yuma and the surrounding area. The City of Yuma is developing an Innovation District in Downtown Yuma to provide opportunities for research, higher education, entrepreneurship, unique quality-of-life enhancements, and regional economic development. An early action item includes a public/private partnership to build an Innovation Hub for STEM-related industries in Yuma, including its tribal nation partner, the Quechan Indian Tribe, and Elevate Southwest. This would benefit entrepreneurs, educational institutions, and residents.

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,



Ruben Gallego
MEMBER OF CONGRESS