

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 23, 2025

Chairman Tom Cole  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
2313 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Historic Fort Bedford Park in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bedford Borough at 244 West Penn Street in Bedford, Pennsylvania, 15522. The funding would be used to convert underutilized public land into an accessible and historically significant park.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed work addresses a compelling community need by converting underutilized public land into a vibrant, accessible, and historically significant park. It supports local economic development through increased tourism, improves quality of life for residents—particularly low-income and elderly populations—and aligns with statutory purposes and funding priorities identified by the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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 that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress