



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Orange County Flood Futures Project** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of California, Irvine** located at **260 Alrich Hall Road, Irvine, CA**.

The funding would be used to identify and evaluate modifications to flood channels, dams, and their operations that would result in increased natural supplies of sand to Orange County's beaches during storm events. The goal would be to stabilize beaches that Southern California relies upon as a driver of the economy and to lower the rising sediment management costs facing local municipalities.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as beach erosion continues to impact the livability of neighborhoods and the long-term sustainability of the region's tourism and recreation industry. Stabilizing beaches, restoring natural processes to flood infrastructure, and improving access to natural resources will help protect Orange County's coastal communities while achieving significant cost savings for public agencies and taxpayers.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DM', written over a horizontal line.

Dave Min
Member of Congress