April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $350,000 in funding to install an air conditioner for the LeClaire-Hearst Park Field House in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Parks District located 541 N Fairbanks Ct., Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The Chicago Public District is a governmental entity.

The location of the Field House is 5120 W 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60638.

The purpose of this project is to acquire and install a badly needed air conditioner for the LeClaire Hearst Park field house that's adjacent to the former LeClaire public housing development on the Southwest Side of Chicago. During hot summer months, patrons can barely breath in the field house building.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because with Covid-19 in mind, air should circulate in order to remain healthy and prevent the spread of Covid-19. The heat in the building makes it difficult for park program participants to work and play in comfort. Both children and senior citizens have a problem with the heat. An air conditioner would allow for a degree of comfort, safety and a healthy environment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress