

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0403

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I respectfully am requesting funding for the Community Venture Foundation, dba Startup Junkie Foundation, Arkansas Venture Expansion Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Venture Foundation, dba Startup Junkie Foundation. The foundation's address is 1 E Center St. Suite 270, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

The Community Venture/Startup Junkie Foundation's Arkansas Venture Expansion Project will focus and expand on four priorities for the foundation. The programs include expanding entrepreneurship and small business success in health care and cyber security fields through the Fuel Accelerator Program, promoting the EMPOWER Program (an accelerator program for woman and minority entrepreneurs and small business owners in STEM,) funding the Capital Access Event Expansion that provides opportunities for startup founders to be connected with potential investors, and a Marketing and Resource Program expansion which will go towards marketing efforts and free materials for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Northwest Arkansas is a proud hub of entrepreneurs and small business owners, and these programs will promote the continued growth and success of startups in the area.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack

Member of Congress