

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field Aerospace Workforce Incubator project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Elizabethtown located at 805 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 700, Elizabethtown, NC 28337. The funding would be used to construct added space for flight training and maintenance.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the benefits of this project will help with the nationwide pilot shortage, as well as the workforce shortage impacting trade skills, especially in rural America. It will train future pilots and aircraft mechanics, assist transitioning military personnel and educate Airport Management candidates. It will also produce a low-cost light sport training aircraft to help lower training costs. The aviation industry is currently experiencing massive shortages in all areas. This project would add additional workforce for the local area, state and country.

This project will impact students from high schools in the area, such as Paul R. Brown Military Charter School, local college students, and retiring military personnel in Bladen County. As the airport is located between Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, this program would benefit military personnel and give them the aerospace training to transition to the civil work force in either airline industries, or private work force, or military supporting industries.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 48112.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



David Rouzer
Member of Congress