

Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Frederiksted Center for Community Wellness project in fiscal year 2026. The non-profit entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Bush Tea and Therapy Foundation at 2A Hospital Street, Unit 2, Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840. The anticipated location of the project is 2A Hospital Street, Unit 2, Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840.

The requested funding would be used to expand access to affordable healthcare, mental health counseling, outreach, and telehealth services for underserved rural residents of St. Croix. The funding will be used by Bush Tea & Therapy Foundation to acquire and renovate a facility in Frederiksted to establish the Frederiksted Center for Community Wellness, which will feature private counseling rooms, group meeting spaces for workshops and support groups, administrative offices, and a telehealth access hub, creating a safe environment for healthcare services. This project is a sound use of taxpayer dollars because it will bridge the gap of the current unmet needs of low-income rural residents encountering barriers to care.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett

Member of Congress