

# 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 University of the Virgin Islands Telehealth and Healthcare Learning project in fiscal year 2026. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the University of the Virgin Islands, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 2 John Brewers Bay, St. Thomas, VI 00802-6004. The anticipated location of the project is 2 John Brewers Bay, St. Thomas, VI 00802-6004.

The requested funding would be used to purchase and install telehealth equipment for the Medical Research Training Center to include audio, video, technology, and data science and computing capabilities. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow users to reach beyond the shores of USVI to connect with educational workshops, medical seminars and training; learn innovative procedures in healthcare; gain valuable skills and resources needed to restructure the economy through gainful employment and a reliable healthcare system; and engage with experts in the areas of medicine. This project would fulfill the needs of our rural community better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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