

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 Virgin Islands Good Food Community Food, Farm & Technology Hub project in fiscal year 2026. The non-profit entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Good Food Coalition, Inc. located at 1023 Market Street, Christiansted, Virgin Islands 00820. The anticipated location of the project is Parcel 5-E, Estate Castle Burke, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840.

The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Good Food Coalition, Inc. to construct the Virgin Islands Good Food Community Food, Farm & Technology Hub on St. Croix. The project will provide essential food security infrastructure and equipment, strengthen local supply chains, and improve disaster resilience. The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance food storage and safety while building long-term economic and community resilience.

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