

# Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **DSPR Athletic Village and Sports Complex** in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation (DSPR), located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at William D. Roebuck Industrial Park, Building 1, Suite 1, Frederiksted, VI 00840. The anticipated location of the project is the former Elena L. Christian Junior High School, 64 & 65AD Estate La Grande Princesse, St. Croix, VI 00820.

The requested funding would be used by DSPR to complete Pre-Development and Planning for the DSPR Athletic Village and Sports Complex at the former Elena L. Christian Junior High School — encompassing the formal deed transfer of the property and full architectural and engineering services, including site analysis, structural assessment, design development, permitting, and project management, required to advance the facility to construction-ready status. The full project will redevelop a long-underutilized public property into a permanent, multi-purpose community athletic hub providing St. Croix youth, amateur athletes, and community organizations with access to indoor training facilities for basketball, volleyball, boxing, and wrestling — resources currently unavailable in the Territory. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will unlock a transformative community infrastructure investment, convert publicly owned property into a permanent community asset, and generate new economic activity on St. Croix.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S. Code §§ 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress