

Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

2059 RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Christiansted Old Barracks Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024. The non-profit entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Architecture Center for Built Heritage and Crafts, Inc., located at 1236 Strand Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820. The requested funding would be used by the non-profit sponsor to rehabilitate blighted property, the Old Barracks property on Hospital Street in Christiansted, into an historic preservation educational center that will teach, train, and certify Virgin Islands young people in the building arts of stone, wood, iron, and other crafts prevalent in the U.S. Virgin Islands and other historic U.S. and Caribbean towns. This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it will reconstruct and restore a complex in disrepair due to hurricane disaster and deploy it as a center for education, training, workforce and small business development, and community economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. sections 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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