

# Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gustave Quetel Fish Market Renovation project in fiscal year 2024. The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), located at 4611 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 300, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The requested funding would be used by DPNR for facility renovation, the design and construction of solar lighting installments, and structural improvements to the roof. The project will renovate the facility and install solar panels to provide motion-detected lighting for the early morning and nights for fishermen and vendors, as well as retractable solar shading for customers. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide an off-grid facility to increase the food-security of the Virgin Islands (a rural, isolated community), and increase economic resiliency. The renovation of the facility would allow for structural enhancements to improve regulation of the water at the facility, as well as make the facility better equipped to dispose of organic waste generated at the facility. The renovated facility will contribute to the economic revitalization of the community by providing fishermen a space to engage in commerce and economic activity.

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,



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Stacey E. Plaskett  
Member of Congress