

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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WASHINGTON, DC

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **STEEMCC Healthcare Infrastructure & Access Expansion Project** in fiscal year 2027. The non-profit entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation (STEEMCC), located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 4605 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 207, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is 4605 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 207, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding would be used by STEEMCC to renovate dental facilities, procure advanced medical equipment, and implement cybersecurity and physical security measures to expand healthcare access and protect patient data in the U.S. Virgin Islands. STEEMCC is the sole Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving St. Thomas and St. John — an HRSA-designated rural area. Structural flooring issues currently limit the dental suite to one dentist and one hygienist, resulting in wait times of up to six months for dental hygiene and three months for dentist appointments. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen healthcare access, reduce critical dental and medical wait times, and deliver preventive care to the most underserved residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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