

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

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2059 RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **St. Thomas Step Street Revitalization Project** in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 8244 Sub Base, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is Downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The funding would be used for the design and construction of revitalization work on the historic 147 step streets of downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, including rehabilitation of deteriorated steps and surrounding infrastructure, removal of architectural barriers, and restoration of historic pedestrian thoroughfares. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen economic development, tourism competitiveness, hurricane recovery and resilience, and accessibility for residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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

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