

# Congress of the United States

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VIRGIN ISLANDS

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

2059 RAYBURN BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bordeaux Farmers' Water Resilience project in fiscal year 2025. The non-profit project sponsor to receive funding for this project is We Grow Food, Inc. located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 6513 Estate Fortuna, St. Thomas, VI, 00802. The anticipated location of the project is at 6513 Estate Fortuna, St. Thomas, VI, 00802.

The requested funding would be used by the non-profit We Grow Food, Inc. to retrofit the Bordeaux Farming community's water storage with a desalination system and water filtration systems to ensure farmers can access uncontaminated, safe water. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide water resources necessary for the success of farmers and businesses. This project would fulfill the needs of farms and businesses whose economic success depends upon water access and provide a consistent water source for economically disadvantaged farmers who depend on water to maintain farmland.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926(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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Stacey E. Plaskett  
Member of Congress