

STACEY PLASKETT
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

2404 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-1790
FAX: (202) 225-5517

PLASKETT.HOUSE.GOV



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

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SELECT REVENUE MEASURES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE
AND RESEARCH

April 27, 2022

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the USVI Community STEM Project.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Education, which is located at 1834 Kongens Gade, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of this project is territory-wide at Virgin Islands Department of Education schools across each of the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John. This project is estimated to cost \$2.2 million.

The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Department of Education to incorporate relevant STEM opportunities for students at all levels, ensuring that STEM initiatives are included in various courses and afterschool programs. The funding also allows for the purchase of IO Academy software and the inclusion of an Electric Vehicle Tech Class to be incorporated into school curriculum.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it addresses multiple challenges facing the community: learning loss from Covid 19, low education attainment and labor challenges of being in a rural and isolated area. These issues are also at the core of many other community ills; so, by addressing them in a holistic approach, the dollar is able to stretch and the impact radiate.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey E. Plaskett".

Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress