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CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence for the purchase of capital equipment required to diagnose diabetes and for services to help patients manage their diabetes.


The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence (VIDCOE), which is located at 4040 La Grande Princesse, Suite 1, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820. The anticipated location of this project is territory-wide across each of the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. This project is estimated to cost \$995,000.

The requested funding would be used by VIDCOE to purchase two small vans, one for each island district of St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John, to provide transportation for patients who require in-home visits or would like to participate in the Center's educational program offerings but lack transportation. It would also fund telehealth services for persons who cannot access services in-office and allow for the purchase medical of equipment to provide diagnostic services for patients at-risk for diabetes and/or those who have diabetes.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because VIDCOE will be able to track key diabetes measures, coordinate patient care across specialties to drive improvement in outcomes, identify opportunities to close gaps in diabetes care and achieve health equity, and receive up-to-date information on quality of care provided to patients by tracking adherence to national performance measures.

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress