

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0913

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The Honorable Mark Amodei
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Homeland Security
2006 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Homeland Security
2308 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Amodei and Ranking Member Cuellar:

I am requesting funding for "Bear Creek Resiliency Improvements" in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of St. Petersburg, located at 175 5th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The funding would be used for stormwater conveyance system improvements and enhanced stormwater management features within Bear Creek Park, increasing the system's capacity to convey and store stormwater runoff during storm events, reducing the frequency and severity of roadway and neighborhood flooding, and providing additional treatment of stormwater prior to discharge to Bear Creek and ultimately to Tampa Bay. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly reduce flood risk and improve stormwater quality for residents in the 13th Congressional District. The project addresses recurring flooding at the intersection of 58th Street North and 1st Avenue North during minor storm events. By improving drainage infrastructure within the contributing basin, the project will protect lives, property, and natural resources in one of Florida's most flood-vulnerable communities, while reducing the need for federal disaster recovery funds in the future.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Anna Paulina Luna
Member of Congress