

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 "Starkey Road Flood Mitigation Project" in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Largo, located at 201 Highland Ave N, Largo, FL 33770. The funding would be used for construction of stormwater improvements within the Starkey Road Basin, including culvert and ditch upgrades at Starkey Road on Channel 10 near the East Bay Oaks Mobile Home Community and at Lake Palms Drive on Channel 10, installation of new storm pipe and structures between the Dahlia Place and Gardenia Place roadway cul-de-sacs, and regrading of the south-flowing tributary ditch to expand bottom width and restore positive drainage connection to Channel 10. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly reduce flood risk for homes and businesses in the Starkey Road Basin that have endured repeated damage from floods, most recently from Hurricane Milton. The project implements sustainable, cost-effective measures to reduce risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding for future disaster recovery. The project will also deliver critical water quality benefits for Long Bayou by reducing sediments, debris, nutrients, toxic materials, and pathogens carried into connecting waterways.

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