

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4322**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1,360,000 in funding for the Sugar Land Storm Water & Drainage Improvements Project for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sugar Land, located at 2700 Town Center Blvd. N, Sugar Land, TX 77479.

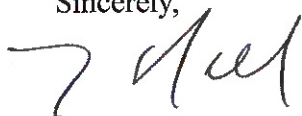
The funding would be used for shovel ready projects that would improve two areas in the Plantation Bend Subdivision. The project includes Area 2 and Area 4 of a larger five area project. Both project areas involve installing a 48-inch reinforced concrete stormwater pipe along Plantation Bend Dr (Area 2) and Plantation Bend Dr, Winding River Dr, and Oyster Loop Dr (Area 4) in the Plantation Bend subdivision. The work includes removing and replacing existing inlets and pipes, adjusting or replacing sanitary sewer service lines, waterline mains, and water service lines, and abandoning or removing some of the existing reinforced concrete pipe.

Specifically, the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the following reasons:

1. The City of Sugar Land is committed to completing the proposed improvements promptly in preparation for future hurricane seasons, addressing excessive flooding in the Riverbend neighborhood that hinders emergency response and causes property damage.
2. A 2018 citywide study was conducted due to floods from 2015-2017, which included Riverbend for excessive flooding concerns.
3. The Riverbend Drainage Improvements project is a top priority for the City of Sugar Land, and understand that it will provide significant benefits to the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. I also certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress