

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0926

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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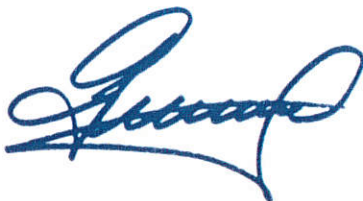
Dear Chair Roybal-Allard and Ranking Member Fleischmann:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priority:

1. Provide a funding level of \$5,484,299 for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants account as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Monroe County for the Twin Lakes Subdivision project located at 1100 Simonton Street, Key West, FL 33040. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project will ensure the long-term viability of the neighborhood and ensure the low-income households are protected from indirect impacts from disasters. During flood events, roads are blocked prohibiting access to the community by homeowners, businesses services, public services, and emergency services. The roads may flood during heavy rainfall and King Tides even in normal times. During times of natural disasters, the project will provide value to the community by ensuring that residents can safely evacuate their homes, emergency services can reach disaster victims, roads can be cleared of debris, power lines can be restored, damages assessed, and recovery can occur through access to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carlos A. Gimenez  
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$5,484,299 for the Department of Homeland Security- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants account in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Monroe County located at 1100 Simonton Street, Key West, FL 33040.

The funding would be used to mitigate 4,633 linear feet of County roadways and construct a “pump and treat” storm water drainage system including construction of drainage structures, wet wells, pollution treatment device, and a related elevated pump station. This strategic investment will minimize risk and reduce losses along three roads in the community, Shaw Drive, Crane Street and Adams Drive. These roads are bordered by wetlands and two canals, are low lying, and frequently impacted by storms, tides and sea level rise, making them subject to repetitive prolonged flooding of the streets.

The project will elevate low portions of the streets, construct a gravity wall along a portion of the boundary between the edge of the road and the wetland and install a storm water collection, treatment and disposal system to manage stormwater on the roadway. Currently there is no engineered drainage system in the subdivision; stormwater drainage has occurred by gravity via swales and exfiltration trenches that no longer function due to sea level rise and king tide impacts.

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

Sincerely,



Carlos A. Gimenez  
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