# Congress of the United States

#### House of Representatives

Washington, **BC** 20515-0926

April 27, 2021

The Honorable David E. Price Chairman Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
and Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

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

- 1. Provide a funding level of \$2,500,000 for Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiative as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Housing Authority of the City of Key West for the Senior Citizen Plaza new generator and transformer project located at 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the island of Key West is located on the northern fringe of the Caribbean and is frequently affected by tropical storms and hurricanes that create very intense winds. These winds can easily tear down power lines and create blackouts that may last for several days. This is in addition to other issues that can cause the normal power supply to the island to fail. Replacement of the aging transformer and generator at the subject property is necessary to guarantee their ability to perform correctly during and after a blackout event. Due to the advanced age of the residents of the subject property, a generator is not a luxury, but rather an actual lifesaver. This project will benefit nearly 200 low-income senior families.
- 2. Provide a funding level of \$500,000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiative as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Agape Network, Inc. located at 22790 SW 112 Ave, Miami, FL 33170. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because they will be used towards the construction of the Agape Village Health Center which will increase Agape's capacity of patients being served from 1,000 to 2,500 receiving outpatient weekly services. Residential inpatient capacity will be increased from 62-beds to 141-beds, including a clinic & wellness medical center, educational & vocational center, supportive housing, and a preschool early education daycare center. In addition, the project will add 121 new employees and 30 unpaid healthcare interns

to serve the increase in the number of clients that will be served because of the expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

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 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the for Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Authority of the City of Key West for the Senior Citizen Plaza new generator and transformer project located at 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040.

The funding would be used to purchase a new generator and transformer for the Senior Citizen Plaza. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the island of Key West is located on the northern fringe of the Caribbean and is frequently affected by tropical storms and hurricanes that create very intense winds. These winds can easily tear down power lines and create blackouts that may last for several days. This is in addition to other issues that can cause the normal power supply to the island to fail. Replacement of the aging transformer and generator at the subject property is necessary to guarantee their ability to perform correctly during and after a blackout event. Due to the advanced age of the residents of the subject property, a generator is not a luxury, but rather an actual lifesaver. This project will benefit nearly 200 low-income senior families.

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

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Agape Network, Inc., located at 22790 SW 112 Ave, Miami, FL 33170.

The funding would be used towards the construction of the Agape Village Health Center which will increase Agape's capacity of patients being served from 1,000 to 2,500 receiving outpatient weekly services. Residential inpatient capacity will be increased from 62-beds to 141-beds, including a clinic & wellness medical center, educational & vocational center, supportive housing, and a preschool early education daycare center. In addition, the project will add 121 new employees and 30 unpaid healthcare interns to serve the increase in the number of clients that will be served because of the expansion.

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