April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am submitting a programmatic funding request on behalf of the Harris County, TX for the Riverside Planning, Restoration, Renovation, and Additions Project for fiscal year 2023 to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development for the amount of $10,000,000.00.

The project involves the Comprehensive Feasibility Study, Programming, and Design for the renovation of 3 historical buildings (National Register) and the addition of the complex components located at 3204 Ennis Street in Houston, TX: new office building with limited clinical space for Harris County Public Health, and a new parking garage with limited occupiable space on the ground level. Description of 18th District, Texas Impact: This project will provide increased access to health care services for a diverse and underserved area. The Houston-Galveston Area Council reported demographics for this general area include for Race (in 2020): Black - 75.1%, Hispanic - 10.6%, White - 9.5% & Other - 4.9%; for Income (in 2020), Above $100K - 17.4%, $50K to $100K - 20.4%, $25K to $50K - 22.5% & Below $25K - 39.8%; and for Poverty of Households (in 2020), Above Poverty - 67.4%, & Below Poverty - 32.6%. A survey of the comprehensive needs of this area found that only 68.38% of Third Ward residents have some form of health insurance. In addition, only 47.59% did not have a personal doctor as their primary health care provider. Furthermore, 16.12% cited not finding a doctor or clinic that is open in the evening or on weekends as a barrier to medical care.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in any of these projects.

Very truly yours,

Sheila Jackson Lee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS