

+  
SHEILA JACKSON LEE  
18<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, TEXAS  
COMMITTEES:

JUDICIARY  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
Chair  
Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and  
Investigations  
Immigration and Citizenship  
Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

HOMELAND SECURITY  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security  
Technologies

Counterterrorism and Intelligence  
Emergency Preparedness, Response, & Recovery

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

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

STEERING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VICE CHAIR  
CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE  
CAUCUS

CHIEF DEPUTY WHIP  
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

FOUNDER AND CO-CHAIR  
CONGRESSIONAL CHILDREN'S  
CAUCUS

April 26, 2021

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Urban Public Health Initiative in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Southern University located at 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston Texas 77004.

The funding is to support Texas Southern University's Urban Public Health Initiative (UPHI), that will address social determinants of health in historically underserved communities and increase opportunities for minority health care professionals through training and research by providing health services to Cuney Homes residents. Cuney Homes was built in 1938 and gained national attention as the birthplace of George Floyd. Like many government-operated housing developments, Cuney Homes is faced with insufficient access to quality health care, educational and upward social mobility opportunities.

Texas Southern University's UPHI was designed to address social determinants of health in historically underserved communities and increase opportunities for minority health care professionals through training and research. At its core, UPHI was developed with Cuney Homes residents in mind. The initiative focuses on developing skills and providing ongoing training and certifications for professionals to serve as "frontline" health care providers and attendants for children, working families, and seniors in the shadows of the university. Furthermore, UPHI will allow future health care workers to compete in Houston and around the world in the public health field.

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

Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress