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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Stamford to undertake the Bioswales Initiative project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account under the Environmental Protection Agency. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Stamford, located at 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901.

The City of Stamford is seeking \$1,000,000 to expand its effective bioswales initiative across the community. This green infrastructure will remove motor oils, gasoline, antifreeze, brake dust, fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment from runoff before these contaminants reach the storm drain. Federal funding will assist the City with the siting, design, and construction of up to 50 bioswales over the next year. Carved out of public sidewalks (measuring 8-10 feet in width), bioswales (at 15-20 feet in length by 4 feet wide) will be located across the public realm.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Bioswales in downtown Stamford will help improve water quality in the Long Island Sound. This green infrastructure will filter pollutants (including motor oils, gasoline, antifreeze, brake dust, fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment) from runoff before they reach the storm drain. The project will protect ecological and human health.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Himes", written over a horizontal line.

JIM HIMES
Member of Congress

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