



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Personalized Medicine Initiatives & Pharmacogenomics Program in the amount of \$450,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Variety Children's Hospital DBA Nicklaus Children's Hospital located at 3100 SW 62nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33155.

This funding would go towards the Personalized Medicine Initiative which focuses on tailoring medical care to each child's individual characteristics, including genomics, environment, culture, and social context. It helps diagnose rare genetic diseases and shorten lengthy diagnostic odysseys. It finds personalized cancer treatments for children with recurrent cancers when multiple chemotherapy treatments have failed. The goal of personalized and precision medicine is to implement this strategy broadly in medical care, focusing on selecting the right treatment, reducing the risk of complications, and improving health. As such, I believe that this is an appropriate use of tax dollars as it will promote health and wellbeing for the children of our community.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Elvira Salazar', with a stylized, flowing script.

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar