



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

April 25, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Florida International University Business Growth and Acceleration Program in the amount of \$650,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida International University located at 11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33199.

This funding would go toward funding business consultants within the city to provide hyperlocal consulting and training to small businesses in key areas, such as government contracting, access to capital, financial literacy, and startup assistance. The project proposes to assist over 1,000 businesses in the district and track project outcomes such as businesses launched, capital accessed, jobs created/retained, government contracts secured, and other metrics related to economic benefits. As such, I believe that this is an appropriate use of tax dollars.

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