

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**April 23, 2022**

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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$350,000 for the City of Tamarac's 1st Time Homebuyers Assistance Program in the fiscal year 2023. The applicant is located at 7525 NW 88th Avenue Tamarac, FL 33321.

The funding will provide pro bono legal services to immigrants from the Republic of Haiti, Affordable housing is becoming increasingly scarce in the Broward County FL region, and Tamarac remains one of the few places with an affordable housing inventory. Affordable homeownership helps build generational equity, provides security for retirees, stimulates the economy, and stabilizes it in the long run. Great demand exists for the City's qualified first-time very-low, low, and moderate-income homebuyer assistance program with approximately 500 aspiring homeowners submitting applications this year. The program gives closing costs and down payment assistance for qualified first-time homebuyers earning up to 120 AMI to purchase a home within the affordable price range.

This project is outlined as one of the strategies in the City's State Housing Initiative Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) that was officially adopted by the Tamarac City Commission and approved and accepted by the State of Florida. With existing funds, the City is only able to assist 5-7 households per year. The requested funding will enable the City of Tamarac to triple the number of households assisted by the program.

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

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)  
Member of Congress