

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 funding for the Housing Expansion Project in the fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Salvation Army, located at 1445 W Broward Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.

The funding would be used to add 8,900 sq. ft. to more than double their capacity for overnight shelter, expand services, enhance the commercial kitchen, add a larger walk-in refrigerator, expand food pantry storage, and renovate the children's playground area. The Salvation Army in Broward County currently has 374 beds. The funding would enable the organization to provide eighty-two more beds while expanding other supportive services.

The food pantry program experienced a 300% increase in serving over 11,000 households in Broward County from last year supplying fresh food, dairy products, and other staples. Their daily meal program collectively served 117,724 meals last year. As part of this request, an upgraded kitchen and dining space will accommodate at least 25% more people.

This project would address the homeless and hunger crisis, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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