



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

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House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Minority Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2.9 million in funding for the Moffitt Cancer Care Center, located at 12902 USF Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612. The funding would be used by Moffitt to improve public roadways into, out of and around a satellite cancer care campus that it will be building in Ruskin, Florida. Helping constituents get into and out of a new satellite campus of a world-class cancer care facility in Hillsborough County is a very appropriate use of federal monies and is a clear Federal nexus.

I am also requesting \$3 million for the Manatee County, Florida, located at 1112 Manatee Ave. W. Bradenton FL 34205. This funding will be used the County to help design the Fort Hamer bridge project. With a very rapidly growing population, traffic congestion has become a very serious issue and this project will help ease that congestion. Therefore, this is a very clear Federal nexus and an appropriate use of federal funds.

I am requesting \$3.5 million in funding for Manatee County, Florida. The funding would be used by the County towards the construction of two lanes of a future four-lane roadway extension in the southwest districts of Manatee County in order to help provide multimodal connectivity to employment centers, educational facilities, tourism destinations, sports venues, and beaches. Manatee County approved this expansion in September 2023. The project is scheduled to start in the next 10 months. This is an appropriate use of federal monies and is a clear Federal nexus.

I am also requesting \$2.9 million for Manatee County, Florida. This funding will allow for the completion of planning, design, and environmental studies (PD&E) for gateway greenway segments connecting Lincoln Park to Parrish, Florida. Therefore, this is a very clear Federal nexus and an appropriate use of federal funds.

I am also requesting \$2 million for City of Bradenton, Florida, located at 1010 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205. This funding will help design and build a new City Park area within the City of Bradenton to connect a growing Sport/Entertainment/Economic Arts complex with a Community District and its Riverwalk with Downtown Bradenton. The City's plan uses a blend of private and public economic investment to help redevelop this local community. Therefore, this is a very clear Federal nexus and an appropriate use of federal funds.

I am requesting \$3 million in funding for the EasterSeals of Southwest Florida, located at 350 Braden Ave, Sarasota, FL 34243. This funding will be used by EasterSeals of Southwest Florida to help fund a new facility that will focus on workforce training for its residents in its ongoing efforts to help those with autism, those with disability, and for veterans. Helping EasterSeals with its efforts to enhance the ability of people with special needs get and retain jobs benefits everyone and is clearly an appropriate use of federal monies and is a clear Federal nexus.

I am also requesting \$3 million for the University of South Florida (USF), located at 8350 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. The funding would be used at its Sarasota-Manatee campus to create a new Center for Entrepreneurship. The goal of the Center would be to modify space on-campus in order to create a world-class entrepreneurship space for small business professionals with state-of-the-art technology, classroom, and collaborative space. This is an appropriate use of federal monies and is a Federal nexus.

I am also requesting \$2.9 million for Manatee County, Florida. This funding will help plan, design, permit and construct a multi-modal regional trail segment of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail, which helps to connect Hillsborough and Sarasota counties, through Manatee County. This multi-modal regional gateway greenway project is an appropriate use of federal monies and has a clear Federal nexus.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in any of these 8 projects.

Sincerely,



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