

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 18, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Roots Conservatory Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the New Mexico Black Leadership Council, located at 1258 Ortiz SE, #304, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87108.

The funding would be used to support the delivery of the Roots Conservatory (RC) Initiative, which entails the Roots Summer Leadership Academy (RSLA) and Roots Explorers Program (REP). The Roots Conservatory's multicultural, year-round programming is geared towards engaging primarily Black youth ages 8-16 and other youth of color. The purpose of the Roots Conservatory Initiative is to integrate arts and asset-based models of engagement that equip the youth served with meaningful tools and skills to develop strong resilience, leadership, and self-esteem that will prepare them for success academically, physically, emotionally, and socially.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Stansbury

Member of Congress