



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

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Startup FIU Tech and Food Business Hub in fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$500,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida International University Brickell Campus located at 1011 Brickell Ave, Miami, FL 33131.

StartUP FIU is a university-wide initiative that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship for its students, faculty, alumni, and for the greater community of Miami. This project proposes to partner with community and local governmental organizations in Florida's 27th District to develop a Startup FIU Technology and Food Business Hub that would help create and maintain over 500 jobs. The proposed grant would be used to help students to enhance their skills in digital marketing, social media, website development, e-commerce, design thinking, sales, finance, entrepreneurship, and data analytics.

I believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because of its educational benefit to university students and its ability to help further develop the community economically through job creation and economic development.

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', written in a cursive style.

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar