



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 West Miami Potable Water Main Improvements Project in fiscal year 2022 for the amount of \$3,000,000.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of West Miami, whose project is located at 901 SW 62nd Avenue, West Miami, Florida 33144.

The City of West Miami's existing potable water system is comprised largely of 4"-8" cast-iron mains constructed over 50 years ago with 2" galvanized service lines that serve customers primarily through rear service easements. In addition to being undersized to serve the existing and projected population of the City, the system suffers from documented persistent leakage, as well as intermittent failures and ruptures causing disruptions in service, damage to infrastructure, and potential contamination.

While the problem persists, the city is losing money and creating water delivery and contamination problems for residents. This project will replace an important portion of city's 50+ year-old cast-iron pipes, which are causing the city to lose 45% of its water to leaks. This project funding would go towards the entire replacement of the Water Distribution System for Zone 2 to include service and replacement of water meters. The installation of new precision meters citywide will not only improve the water quality for residents, but it will also address the growth in the city's population now and for projected future growth.

As such, I believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. The project's completion will cause a significant reduction of the extreme leaks being experienced by the City of West Miami.

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