



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4006

April 26, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in fiscal year 2022 from the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, under the Economic Development Initiative account, for the following project:

Rehabilitation of the S.H. Kress building in downtown Orangeburg, SC for the Claflin University Downtown Community Center

The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Claflin University
400 Magnolia St
Orangeburg, SC 29115
SC-06 Congressional District

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the S.H. Kress building in downtown Orangeburg, SC. The restored building will be used to house the Claflin University Center for Social Justice, Pathway from Prison program, young professionals' studio housing and development of a Business Incubator site. The Pathway from Prison program would assist current and former incarcerated individuals in South Carolina to reduce recidivism. The Business Incubator would help potential local businesses in start-up by providing a variety of services. The Claflin University Downtown Community Center would also provide modern and affordable housing in downtown Orangeburg for young professionals working in Orangeburg County.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as it would provide a central location for university initiatives that benefit the university, Orangeburg County and surrounding areas.

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

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress (SC-06)