



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

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for The Second Chance Project in fiscal year 2023 from the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies under the DOJ, Byrne Justice Assistance Grants account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. located at:

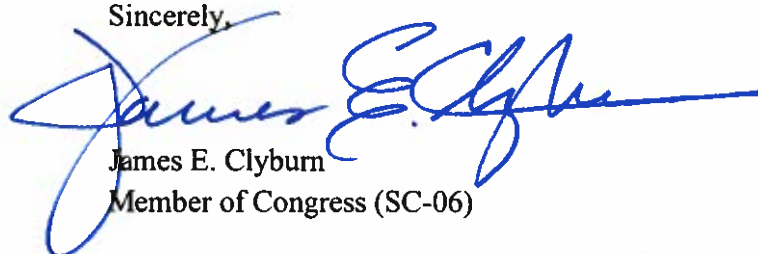
Community Foundation of the Lowcountry  
P.O. Box 23019  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

The funding would be used to conduct six theater productions during the fiscal year, with each production employing at-risk, low-income residents from the greater Beaufort County area and training them in the fundamentals of theater production, acting and support, and Gullah culture. Priority will be given to 18-30 year-old residents who have previous criminal justice involvement, experienced drugs or violence in their lives, or are otherwise vulnerable to violence and criminal justice involvement. Using this format, participants will learn their cultural roots, develop positive social networks, and increase their personal resiliency.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and would help reduce the risk of violence and criminal justice involvement by keeping at-risk Gullah descendants of Beaufort employed, educated, and helping to sustain the authentic customs and traditions of the Gullah community. 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)