

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Beautify the Block Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Assistance Corporations at 701 Bartlett Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

Beautify The Block is a program designed to provide exterior improvements, landscaping, and facade work on homes owned by low-income homeowners in aged, urban neighborhoods needing redevelopment. In addition to the beautification effort, a community engagement initiative is incorporated to unite residents to encourage pride, appreciation, and promise through participation in the process. Often the work on the designated home is done in a block party setting; live music, food, and comradery are pillars of the project. Another critical component of the project is to mentor and educate at-risk youth on basic exterior improvement techniques. In addition, we work with local youth groups to demonstrate the importance of teamwork, service, and leadership. Ultimately, each project contributes to community redevelopment, property value enhancement, unification of residents, education, and most importantly, an improvement in the homeowner's quality of life.

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

Sincerely,

Congressman Steven Horsford

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