April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1,169,000 in funding for the Prairie Island Indian Community’s Tribal Homes Carbon Reduction and Safety Initiative in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Prairie Island Indian Community, 5636 Sturgeon Lake Road Welch, MN 55089.

This project funding would be used to conduct an audit of tribal homes and would utilize the discovered information to guide energy efficiency and carbon reduction upgrades. Much of tribal housing on the reservation is antiquated and composed of manufactured homes built prior to the availability of modern energy-efficient appliances. Potential upgrades would include electric dryers, stoves, air source heat pumps, and heat pump water heaters. These upgrades would eliminate up to 35,357 pounds of CO2 each year.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer money because it would provide benefit to Prairie Island and across Goodhue County. The project would address global warming on a larger scale by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would also create new jobs and stimulate economic growth due to the audit, equipment purchase, and equipment installation. This initiative would also improve public health for Prairie Island and the surrounding community.

In accordance with House Rules, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Angie Craig
Member of Congress