



Tony Cárdenas
Congress of the United States
29th District, California

April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Increasing Short Term Vocational Trainings and Hands-On Biotech Training to Non-Traditional Students at Los Angeles Valley College and Los Angeles Mission College in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Community College District, located at 770 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA90017.

The funding would be used for workforce development programs at LAVC and LAMC. The Workforce Training Program at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) offers short-term, vocational training to the non-traditional student, who is unemployed, underemployed, hard-to-employ, or displaced due to their work leaving the country. The Biotech, Manufacturing, and Transportation Academies train people in a matter of weeks to be prepared to enter the workforce at an entry-level. Once in the workforce, the area of biotechnology, in particular, has been in high demand given the pandemic, and Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) seeks to improve its space and equipment to create specialized cell culture training in its biotechnology program which would further students' job readiness and provide a highly valued industry skill that cannot be obtained at other local institutions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Cárdenas".

TONY CARDENAS
Member of Congress
California, 29th District