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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Fairfax Family and Domestic Violence Shelter in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035.

Project: Fairfax Family and Domestic Violence Shelter

Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

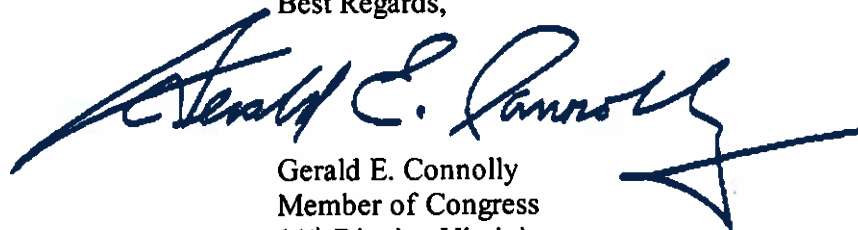
Amount: \$900,000

Background: Currently, Fairfax County's family and domestic violence facilities are both beyond their useful lives. In the case of the domestic violence shelter, the current physical location also presents unique security challenges for the residents and staff. Rather than construct entirely new facilities, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) has identified an existing building, which it intends to convert for use as a secure domestic violence shelter and a family shelter that will increase capacity to serve a larger number of residents. This will entail combining rooms, creating service and office space, and other changes from the existing setup. Locating a modern, safe, family and domestic violence shelter in an easy-to-reach, opportunity-rich area next to a police station will give residents the ability to access transit, services, and employment as they and their families begin to rebuild their lives. This project will have a life-changing impact on the approximately 50 families that will use the facility on a daily basis. This request is an important part of the overall project cost, representing an opportunity to deliver this essential, brand new facility years earlier than might otherwise be accomplished. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars since it will improve the ability of Fairfax County government to provide safety and shelter to those at risk of being targeted with violence.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia