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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-4611

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

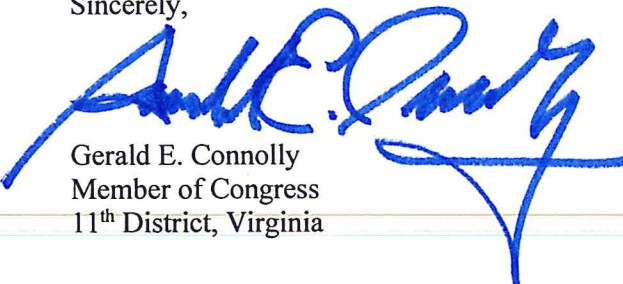
I write to respectfully request \$1,900,000 in fiscal year 2023 funding for the Community Project, The Lamb Center Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.

The Lamb Center (TLC) Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative will be unique to the central Fairfax County and Fairfax City region. Fairfax City will work with TLC to build a facility that includes 54 efficiency-style living units within one block of the current TLC day shelter. Residents will receive on-site case management and other wrap-around support. Case managers will help each tenant formulate and achieve individual goals such as securing veterans benefits, earning income from work, improving physical and mental health conditions, and maintaining housing. Case managers will also provide skills training to improve individuals' abilities to budget, manage medication, maintain employment, and develop positive social supports. Because the new facility will be in close proximity to The Lamb Center day shelter, current services will be leveraged with additional services at the new housing facility. More than 1,000 people experience homelessness every day in Fairfax County and Fairfax City. Over 60,000 people in Fairfax County and Fairfax City live below the poverty level, and more than 10,000 people per year need emergency housing assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless. Individuals in our community rely on The Lamb Center for the support they need to get back on their feet and this new center will be a critical resource for helping more people who could not otherwise find stable housing.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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