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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 W&OD Trail & Town of Vienna Initiative in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Vienna, located at 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180.

Project: W&OD Trail & Town of Vienna Initiative

Recipient: Town of Vienna, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180

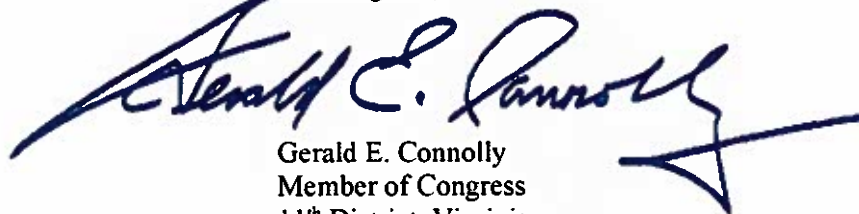
Amount: \$4,000,000

Background: This project would help the Town of Vienna acquire property, renovate, and improve assets along the W&OD Trail. Specifically, this project would support the acquisition of two deteriorated properties to build a welcome center within the Town of Vienna, create a complementary destination asset, expand the Town Green, and make improvements for the development of a safe dual trail network for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project will also have a regional impact because the welcome center would serve the entire 45-mile W&OD Trail. The goal of the project is to turn a blighted condition in the geographic and commercial center of Vienna into a vibrant destination that supports the Town's economic development goals while providing a safe space for bicyclists and pedestrians to use the trail network that goes through the Town's commercial core. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars, because it will enhance economic development and produce a return on investment for the Town.

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

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