

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "Restoration of Affordable Housing at 1022 Pendleton Street Boarding House" in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King St, Alexandria VA 22314.

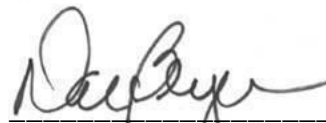
The Restoration of the Affordable Housing at the 1022 Pendleton Street Boarding House project will allow the City of Alexandria to work with property owners to preserve unique, affordable housing in our community while renovating a building with historic, cultural and architectural significance. The boarding house currently includes 8 housing units with deeply affordable rents, as well as shared living space and room for the restoration of retail/commercial space original to the property.

The building in its current operating condition is seriously deteriorated; and, in its current condition, renovation of the building is urgent, both to preserve a building with historic, cultural and architectural significance to the Alexandria community and to address potential code, health and safety issues threatening the welfare of residents and neighbors. Because of the property's limited rental revenue as a boarding house, there has been insufficient private investment in the facility's capital needs so a substantial rehabilitation is planned. Government intervention, through technical and financial assistance, including local, state and federal loan and grant funding is critical to the property's preservation, rehabilitation and continued operation as a boarding house. The 100+ year old building's legacy as the site of a successful black-owned business and its use as "green book"-type temporary lodging for African Americans during segregation will be memorialized onsite. It is hoped a local business will operate in the commercial/retail space to be restored through the project, also.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.