

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the “Alexandria Seaport Center II” in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 421 King Street, Alexandria, Va 22314.


The funding will be used to construct 2,800 square feet of dedicated space, consisting of a dedicated boat bay, additional woodworking shop, a new classroom and offices for dedicated programming for an immersive apprenticeship program for opportunity youth — young adults ages 18-23 who are disconnected from school, work, and community.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new space will provide the ability to double or triple the number apprentices currently served each year by building a new learning center that supports a “success pipeline.” It will provide capacity for young people who are the furthest away from workforce opportunity. They may have dropped out of school, been unable to find work, been involved in the criminal justice system, have mental or physical health challenges and/or have significant family care-giving responsibilities. The program supports these young adults to pursue a good, full-time job, higher education, or training, and serves as an alternative to incarceration and an after-incarceration option supported by both the Alexandria Sheriff Department and the Alexandria City Police.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

  
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Donald S. Beyer Jr.