

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 “Monroe Park Playground Replacement” in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201.

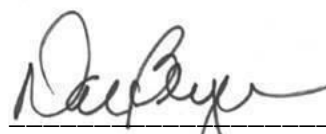
The existing amenities in Monroe Park are in need of replacement before these assets fail. The playground was last renovated in the year 2000. As part of the County’s Facility Lifecycle Process, this 23-year-old playground is due for renovations. The improvements to Monroe Park are anticipated to include replacement of the playground and will be designed with modern play equipment as a pre-school playground for children 2-5 years of age. The improvements will also include new retaining walls, enhanced site seating, updated landscaping, a stormwater management facility and accessible paths. All improvements will be designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act federal regulations for playgrounds and walkways as well as the Public Playground Safety Handbook.

The playground has received considerable use over the years and has become worn from use. The park consists of an aging pre-school playground for children 2-5 years of age, seating, picnicking, grassy open field, mature trees and paths. The existing retaining walls around the play area limit access to users of all abilities, pavement condition on the access walkways has deteriorated and are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. The improvements to Monroe Park are anticipated to include replacement of the playground, improved site seating, updated landscaping, and the addition of paved access pathways. Within the park itself, there is also an opportunity to provide passive recreational opportunities to the adult population in the neighborhood allowing the park to serve a broader generational age group.

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

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.