

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "Expansion of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for ACPS" 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.

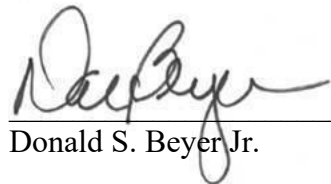
The funding will be used to acquire Automatic External Defibrillators for the schools and facilities within Alexandria City Public Schools.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it involves the purchase of capital equipment for a health purpose with a useful life of more than one year. Expanding AED availability is a critical priority for the locality due to the time-sensitive nature of sudden cardiac arrest and the school division's responsibility to provide a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death on school campuses, yet survival rates climb significantly when an AED is deployed within the first few minutes. The AED expansion project will be fully run by the City of Alexandria for Alexandria City Public Schools and is a strategic and valuable use of federal funds, allowing the school division to implement critical safety infrastructure without being compromised by local budget constraints. This investment of taxpayer funds enables a comprehensive, immediate rollout across all school facilities. Prioritizing the procurement of this life-saving equipment mitigates the inefficiencies of a fragmented, multi-year approach while representing a fiscally responsible use of taxpayer funds to protect the community's most valuable assets -- our students.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.