

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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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 “Energy Storage for Resilience in Fairfax County” in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.


The funding will be used for a feasibility study looking at providing battery energy storage at critical Fairfax County government sites, with particular attention paid to facilities that provide crucial community services during power outages, such as emergency shelters, health centers, cooling centers, or the wastewater treatment facility (the Noman Cole Water Recycling Plant in Lorton, VA).

The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because fewer than 6 percent of critical government facilities in Fairfax County have back-up power. These facilities provide essential services to the community and residents depend on them to be operational during natural disasters and power outage emergencies. Maintaining these capabilities is central to the County’s Continuity of Operations Plans, ensuring that essential functions can continue or be rapidly restored during disruptions. To address this vulnerability, the Resilient Fairfax plan directs Fairfax County to enhance energy resilience for County facilities through on-site back-up power and other techniques. Battery energy storage at these facilities has the potential to provide multiple benefits, including power reliability and continuity of essential community services during emergencies, reduced vulnerability to oil and gas price changes, and energy and cost savings. The study will also examine the economics of the use of batteries, given potential opportunities for providing revenue to offset some of the cost of battery installation and maintenance. The revenue would be gained by providing power or frequency harmonization to the distribution grid, participating in demand-response programs, or virtual power plants (VPP).

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,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.