

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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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
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting "Funding to Purchase Sibert House, An Apartment Property for Chronically Homeless Individuals, Arlington County, 8th Congressional District of Virginia" in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is PathForward, Inc., located at 2020-A 14th Street N., Arlington, VA 22201. The funding would be used for the purchase of Sibert House, located at 1124 N. Kennebec Street in Arlington, Virginia, 22205.

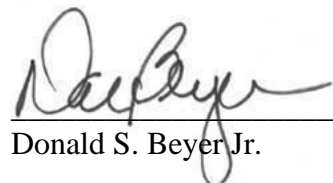
The purpose of this request is to purchase Sibert House, an apartment building located in Arlington, Virginia. Sibert House serves a sub-population of chronically homeless individuals with significant housing barriers such as legal issues, poor rental history and multiple evictions, significant mental health and substance use disorders, chronic health conditions and disabilities, and little to no income. These individuals have not had success with traditional housing programs and require supportive housing that includes intensive wraparound services to stay healthy and successfully housed. The services Sibert House provides mitigate eviction and prevent these individuals from relapsing into unsheltered homelessness. The people living in Sibert House are clients of PathForward's Permanent Supportive Housing Program, a HUD-funded program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing case management support.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because chronic and unsheltered homelessness is not only difficult for the person who has lived experience, it costs taxpayers an average of \$35,578 per year. When placed in a supportive housing environment like Sibert House, the taxpayer burden is reduced by almost 50%. By providing PathForward, a 30-year nonprofit organization serving homeless adults, with the funds necessary to purchase Sibert House, they will have the financial flexibility to direct funds specifically to individuals and programs designed to help people experiencing unsheltered homelessness achieve long-term housing stability.

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.