

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

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
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 Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for “Radio System Interoperability Upgrade” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Suite 3500, Alexandria, VA 22314.

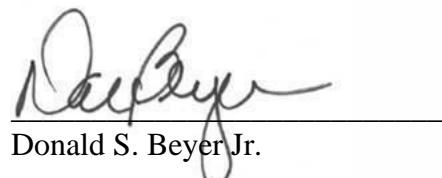
This request is for funding for newer model radios for use in the Police Department and Sheriff’s Office to maintain interoperability with neighboring jurisdictions and Federal partners. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this interoperability upgrade would improve communication from the Alexandria Police Department’s Civil Defense Unit which frequently assists federal partners, especially the U.S. Capitol Police, for major events.

Alexandria police officers are on Capitol Hill providing protection during the State of the Union Address, inaugurations, demonstrations, and protests. These newer model radios ensure that these officers can communicate back to Alexandria, Virginia and allow law enforcement leadership to track the location of officers during these sorts of incidents. To only replace the units for the Civil Defense Unit and Special Investigations Unit would cost \$650,000. These are the two units that have the greatest need for interoperability as they are on site for national events, and work with the US Marshal Service on a daily basis.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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.