

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

May 16, 2025

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  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for the project named “Opportunity Youth Re-Engagement Center within the historic Original Mount Vernon High School” in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

This would support the construction and renovation of a customized Opportunity Youth Re-Engagement Center within the historic Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS), located in Alexandria, Virginia. The Opportunity Youth Re-Engagement Center at OMVHS will deliver significant, multi-generational benefits to Fairfax County by creating a central, accessible, collaborative hub for disconnected youth ages 16-24. This project directly addresses the urgent needs of an estimated 9,400 Opportunity Youth in the county, offering a full spectrum of services designed to foster education outcomes, career development, long-term economic mobility, and increased social capital. It also aligns with Fairfax County’s broader strategy to promote economic mobility by strengthening the local talent pipeline and addressing workforce shortages in high-demand fields such as health care, skilled trades, and technology. The Center will play a pivotal role in positioning the region for sustained economic resilience and competitiveness. To promote program integration, the Re-Engagement Center will be co-located at the OMVHS Human Services Center, a strategic investment that currently supports the county’s Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

  
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Donald S. Beyer Jr.