

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and Requesting Congressional Delegation Support

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and Executive Branch have identified numerous avenues for significant, direct investment in communities as opportunities to create jobs, invest in both people and infrastructure, and work to address the ongoing needs of families, businesses, neighborhoods and communities across our country; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2022, the City of Alexandria received Community Project Funding, requested by Congressman Donald S. Beyer, Jr. in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, for the piloting of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department and storm sewer improvements to mitigate recurrent flooding at Clifford Ave., Fulton St. and Manning St., totaling \$1,020,000 in funding; and

WHEREAS, current additional Federal funding opportunities available to the City of Alexandria include Community Project Funding in the House appropriations bill and Congressionally Directed Funding in the Senate Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2022 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies, the U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Low or No Emission Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, these potential funding sources present a significant opportunity for local governments to propose and request support from our Congressional delegation for critical projects in specific funding areas to benefit our residents, businesses and workers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified five projects appropriate for funding through the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending process, including:

- Funding for the Alexandria City AHDC Arlandria Housing+ Project (request submitted to Congressman Don Beyer, Senator Mark Warner and Senator Tim Kaine);
- Full deployment of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department (request submitted to Congressman Beyer);
- Acceleration of the Notabene Drive, Four Mile Rd., and Old Dominion Blvd. Flood Mitigation Project (Request submitted to Congressman Beyer);
- Technology upgrades and facility enhancements at the Alexandria Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court and Court Service Unit (request submitted to Senator Warner and Senator Kaine); and
- Support for the Alexandria Youth Entrepreneurship Project (request submitted to Senator Warner and Senator Kaine); and

WHEREAS, these projects are clear priorities for the City and address significant inequalities and recognized needs in the City of Alexandria in the areas of human services, community development, public safety and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified additional opportunities for federal funding for projects and priorities in our community, including:

- RAISE grant funding to complete the intersection redesign project at King and Beauregard Streets, including multimodal intersection improvements to increase vehicle capacity, improve pedestrian crossing experiences, and provide access to transit and bicycle facilities;
- LOW NO/Bus-Bus Facilities grant funding to upgrade the DASH bus fleet to electric vehicles and provide the infrastructure necessary to support the shift to a fully electric fleet; and;
- An application to the Safe Streets for All grant program to advance the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan initiatives focusing on high crash corridors and intersections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Alexandria supports these local priorities and endorses them for consideration for federal funding opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Alexandria calls upon our Congressional delegation to support these local priorities and funding proposals in the areas of human services, community development, public safety and infrastructure and work to secure federal funding for these projects and programs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Alexandria Congressional delegation – the Honorable Mark R. Warner, the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, and the Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.

Adopted:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk