

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many stark inequalities and significant needs in communities across our nation, including in the City of Alexandria, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has invested significant City resources during the past year, as well as funding allocated to the City through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, in addressing inequalities and needs in our own city, including in the specific areas of housing security, business stability and recovery, food insecurity, continuity of government and public health education, outreach and service delivery, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Executive Branch have identified numerous avenues for additional, 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, currently these funding opportunities include Community Project Funding in appropriations bills in Fiscal Year 2022 and the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, 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, these potential funding opportunities come at a critical time when people throughout our community are facing tremendous need, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified seven projects appropriate for funding through the Community Project Funding process, including:

- Re-employment and upskilling programs and services;
- Flash flooding “spot improvement” projects;
- Seed funding for Alexandria Arts District Community Development Authority;
- Deployment of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department;
- Regional trauma-informed crime prevention and intervention through engagement, equity and asset development;
- Early childhood education – aligning early childhood education and school readiness with best practices that lessen negative impacts on children, families and the community;
- Four Mile Run restoration – urban deck environmental remediation and design; and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified five projects and funding areas appropriate for funding through the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, including:

- Design and construction of the Mt Vernon Bridge connecting Alexandria and Arlington;
- I-395 at Duke / Landmark - Improved Landmark redevelopment site access;

- Acquisition and redevelopment of the Norfolk Southern rail spur right of way for a non-motorized trail in Old Town North;
- Bridge preventative and restorative maintenance; and;
- ADA and Rapid Response Pedestrian Safety in High Transit and Equity Areas.

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 and infrastructure.

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 in the areas of human services, community development 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