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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

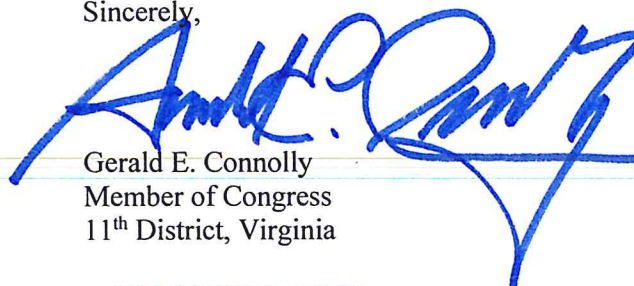
I write to respectfully request \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 funding for the Community Project, Prince William County (PWC) Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center (CRSC).

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prince William County Government, 1 County Complex Ct, Prince William, VA, 22192.

For someone experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis, the main place to go for an individual to go 24/7 to get assistance has typically been the emergency department of a hospital. Individuals meeting criteria for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization have frequently had to wait an extensive period for a bed to become available and in Prince William County, many must go outside of the region to find a bed. The Treatment Advocacy Center, a nationally recognized non-profit dedicated to advocacy of timely and efficient treatment of the serious mentally ill, recommends a minimum of 50 inpatient psychiatric beds for 100K population. Northern Virginia has approximately 21 inpatient psychiatric beds per 100K population, which includes private psychiatric hospital providers. In FY 2020, our region had 855 individuals that had to be placed outside of our region because there were no available inpatient psychiatric beds. This project would help establish a Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center (CRSC) in Prince William County that will provide 23-hour crisis observation and short-term crisis residential services for up to 32 Adults (16, 23-hour observation and 16, crisis stabilization unit (CSU) beds) and up to 16 youth (8, 23-hour observation and 8, CSU beds). Phase 1 will provide 8, 23-hour observation and 8 short-term CSU beds for adults. Full adult and youth services will be added as ongoing funding is identified. This will be a regional facility for Prince William, Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun. The CRSC will provide behavioral health crisis and detox services to stabilize individuals under the Crisis Now Model and connect them to ongoing community treatment services. Establishing a Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center within Prince William County would provide immediate crisis response and treatment for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, decrease the number of individuals needing inpatient psychiatric beds, reduce the time spend by law enforcement providing custody and connect individuals to community supports for ongoing treatment needs once the crisis has been addressed.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia