



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

I respectfully request your consideration for the Fiscal Year 2027 funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Daytona Beach Community Shelter as a community project funding request. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bethune-Cookman University, located at 640 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida, 32114. The funding would be used for a hurricane-resistant shelter in the Volusia County area. Volusia County has been designated by the Florida Division of Emergency Management's 2025 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan (attached) as having a hurricane evacuation shelter space deficit for the general population. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address the critical need to provide safe refuge for residents during the weather events that frequently impact the region. In addition to its emergency function, the facility will serve as a venue for university and community sporting and educational events, including for community emergency response training.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Fine".

Randy Fine (FL-06)
Member of Congress