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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Carla Schuessler South Carolina House of Representatives 522A Blatt Bldg Columbia, SC 29201

Re: City of Conway Funding Requests

Dear Representative Schuessler,

I am writing to respectfully request your support and advocacy for securing funding for three vital projects in our community. The funding will enable us to enhance public safety, address stormwater management concerns, and expand our City's Recreation Complex. I kindly ask for your assistance in securing the following funds:

- a) License Plate Reading Cameras for Public Safety: We seek funding in the amount of \$134,500 to acquire and install license plate reading cameras throughout our city. These cameras will significantly enhance our law enforcement's capabilities in combating crime, identifying stolen vehicles, and improving public safety. With this advanced technology, our police department can better monitor and respond to potential threats, ensuring a safer community for all residents.
- b) Matching funds for the Chestnut Bay Stormwater Project: The City has suffered recurrent flooding due, in part, to inadequate stormwater management infrastructure. To address this issue, we have applied for and been award a BRIC grant from FEMA. The grant requires a matching contribution from the City. We now request funding in the amount of \$677,000 as matching funds to implement the Chestnut Bay Stormwater Project. This project will include the daylighting of existing stormwater pipes, new stormwater storage areas, and other necessary measures to mitigate flooding, improve water quality, and protect the properties and residents in the area.
- c) Acquisition of Additional Property for Recreation Complex Expansion: As our community continues to grow, there is a pressing need to expand our Recreation Complex to meet the increasing demand for recreational facilities and programs. We humbly request funding in the amount of \$900,000 to acquire additional land adjacent to our existing Recreation Complex. This expansion will allow us to develop new sports fields, playgrounds, walking trails, and other amenities, benefiting residents of all ages and enhancing our city's overall quality of life.

These projects have been carefully planned and are crucial for the progress and well-being of our community. The requested funds will directly contribute to public safety, improved stormwater management, and enhanced recreational opportunities. We believe that these initiatives align with your commitment to promoting the welfare of our constituents and fostering the growth and development of our region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering our funding requests. We are confident that your support will enable us to make significant strides in addressing public safety concerns, stormwater management challenges, and expanding recreational opportunities for our residents. We are available at your convenience to provide any additional information or meet to discuss these projects further.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to serving our community. We look forward to your positive response and partnership in securing these crucial funds.

Very truly yours,

Adam Emrick

City Administrator

City of Conway, South Carolina