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Congresswoman Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Babylon's Grande Canal/Rialto Circle Waterfront Reconstruction and Resiliency Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Babylon, Department of Environmental Control, located at 281 Phelps lane, Room 400, North Babylon, NY 11703. The funding will be used to restore the entrance and adjacent shoreline to the Grande Canal, a public waterway servicing a commercial marina and several hundred marine dockage sites. Construction will replace 400 linear feet of bulkhead/breakwater, maintenance dredge the channel entrance, stabilize an eroding shore, restore public access to marine waters and incorporate green/living shoreline enhancements to an urban waterfront. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in the fall of 2020 following the Planning Committee's recommendations, the Town Harbor Masters Office declared the entrance to the Grande Canal a navigational hazard due to failed infrastructure allowing adjacent material to silt in the main channel reducing water depths and floatable debris entering the waterway and bay area.

Over the past 2 years, recreational and commercial vessels have dealt with vessel grounding and collision issues trying to access the waterway for docking and access to the commercial marina located on the northern end of the waterway. The Commercial marina, which was closed but recently re-opened under new ownership, is being impacted by the conditions of the waterway which is limiting vessel size and access during the boating season. Completion of this project would secure safe marine navigation through this waterway for business and recreational boating use.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,



ANDREW R. GARBARINO  
Member of Congress