



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bradenton Carnegie Library Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Manatee Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller, located at 1115 Manatee Ave West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

The funding would be used to renovate and modernize a publicly owned records facility to create an accessible, community-centered space that supports education and public access to information. The project will remove significant physical barriers, bring the building into ADA compliance, and upgrade critical infrastructure, enabling expanded use as a hub for community programming, student learning, research assistance, and public engagement.

This project is an appropriate and responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it will support critical renovations to a publicly owned records facility to improve accessibility, safety, and functionality for community use. By bringing the building into ADA compliance and upgrading outdated systems, the project will ensure safe, equitable access for all residents, including individuals with disabilities, seniors, students, and families while providing practical skills that support academic and workforce success.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), and U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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 that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress