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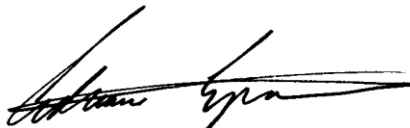
I am requesting funding for the Amalgamated Housing Corporation Lobby and Apartment Renovation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is New York State's Homes and Community Renewal Agency at 641 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022.

This project will deliver measurable outcomes that justify the public investment. It will provide desperately needed affordable housing for new families and essential workers. Moreover, the project directly addresses a citywide crisis: New York has lost more than 40,000 Mitchell-Lama units since the 1990s due to neglect, privatization, and disrepair. Once these units are lost, they are virtually impossible to replace. Preserving Amalgamated helps stem the tide of displacement and ensures that Harlem remains a place where people of all incomes—not just the wealthy—can live, raise families, and retire with dignity. This project ensures that public dollars are used not only to repair the past but to build a safer, more equitable future. Every dollar invested in Amalgamated protects a long-standing community, reduces the burden on emergency services, and expands access to safe, affordable housing.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(4).

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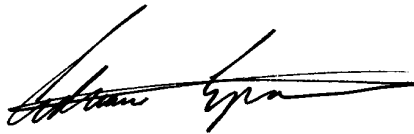
I am requesting funding for the Police Athletic League (PAL) Crime Prevention Program for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Police Athletic League Inc. and is located at 34 1/2 E. 12th Street, New York, NY 10003.

This project is crucial for taxpayers as it equips at-risk youth in New York's 13th Congressional District with essential resources and support to deter involvement in criminal activities, thus mitigating violence. In partnership with several New York Police Department (NYPD) precincts, the program will support recreation, enrichment, job skills training, crime prevention workshops, mentorship, mental health support and the citywide Cops & Kids Sports Leagues with NYPD officers who volunteer as coaches. This program has maintained a record of demonstrable progress in mitigating youth involvement in criminal activity and fostering a healthier and safer relationship between law enforcement and the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10152).

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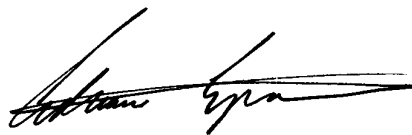
I am requesting funding for the W.A.R.M Services for Domestic Violence Crime Victims in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is We All Really Matter, located at 8 West 126th Street, New York, NY, 10027.

The project is crucial for taxpayers as it reduces healthcare and criminal justice costs linked to domestic violence while prioritizing victims' healing. It aligns with New York State's goals of improving medical and mental health services for underprivileged populations and sets a standard for enhanced domestic violence services. Locally, it enriches communities by providing culturally appropriate mental health services and expands access to trauma therapies through intensive street outreach. Funding sustains the WARM Center for Holistic Healing, serving over 200 low-income victims and establishing a satellite office in the Bronx, ultimately fostering healthier communities and a more effective criminal justice response.

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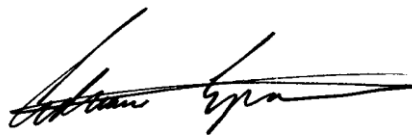
I am requesting funding for the Bronx Community College Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 Project in fiscal year 2025. The Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 230 W 41st St., 17th Floor, New York, NY, 10036, will receive funding for this project.

Investing in the BCC Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 is a strategic use of taxpayer funds, aligning with broader objectives of community development and workforce readiness. The project is designed to benefit a wide range of stakeholders, including first generation college students and adult learners, by providing them with the skills necessary for employment in a high-demand field. Furthermore, by addressing the specific needs of the Bronx community, the project contributes to the economic revitalization of the area. The Bronx Community College Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 represents a judicious use of taxpayer funds, promising significant returns in terms of educational advancement, economic development, and community well-being.

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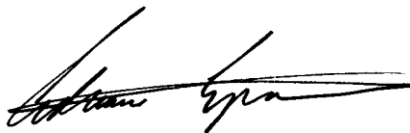
I am requesting funding for the City College of New York Skills-Based Workforce Development Initiative in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Foundation for City College at Shepard Hall RM 051, 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031.

Funding this project will allow the expansion of their skills-based training capacity by allowing the workforce program to have dedicated space on and eventually close to the CCNY campus. This community investment will directly benefit the community by strengthening a critical educational resource that will be used to enhance the operations of New York City and eventually New York State. Inadequate facilities currently limit the center's ability to meet community and city demand. Funds for this project will ensure that the program can continue serving as a vital hub for education, workforce preparation, and personal development. Funds will also ensure the skills-based program is serving the essential and vastly growing needs of the City of New York's infrastructure problems. Following renovation and acquisition, ongoing maintenance and operational costs will be supported through a diversified funding strategy that includes earned income, state and private grants, contributions from individual donors, and agency contract training. This will allow CCNY to continue building a strong relationship with New York City agencies that are indispensable to the functioning of taxpayers.

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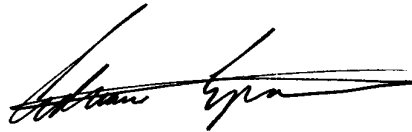
I am requesting funding for the Dominican Studies Institute Renovation and Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026. The Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 230 W 41st St., 17th Floor, New York, NY, 10036, will receive funding for this project.

This funding will significantly bolster the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute's (CUNY DSI) capacity to fulfill its public mission, benefiting over 500,000 individuals, including more than 150,000 from the NY-13 district, over the next five years. The investment will enable CUNY DSI to expand its research capacity, host community-based events, enhance its archival resources, and more. Moreover, investing in public research and higher education at CUNY acknowledges the institution's excellence and its crucial role in shaping future leaders. Despite chronic underfunding, CCNY ranks highly for both access and outcomes, reflecting its commitment to economic advancement for all, academic excellence and diversity.

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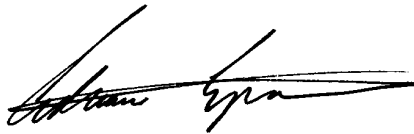
I am requesting funding for the 135th Street Corridor Streetscapes Project for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Transportation and is located at West 131th Street - 139th Street, NY 10030

Inadequate lighting creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians, particularly seniors and students community during the early morning or evening hours. Local community partners have documented numerous safety concerns related to poor visibility along the corridor. Local businesses along the 135th street report that inadequate lighting discourages evening foot traffic and commerce. By providing well-lit and safer streets, local partners estimate that these changes would generate a 15-20% increase in evening commercial activity. This is why local businesses have identified lighting improvements as a top priority for attracting new investments to vacant storefronts.

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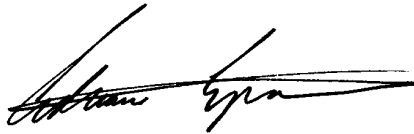
I am requesting funding for the Inwood Heights Affordable Housing Renovations for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City New York Housing Authority and is located at 17 Fort George Hill, New York, NY 10040.

Through this funding, HCR will support the revitalization of the aging affordable housing stock in New York City, specifically, in the Inwood neighborhood. This necessary construction will increase the safety of the building and the health of the residents. In a high-cost city like New York where the housing stock continually outpaces the demand, residents struggle to find reliable and affordable housing. Meeting the construction needs of this building will show a community investment into the safety and health of the residents as well as the affordable housing infrastructure.

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I am requesting funding for the George Washington Campus Auditorium Upgrade in fiscal year 2026. The Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 230 W 41st St., 17th Floor, New York, NY, 10036, will receive funding for this project.

The George Washington Campus auditorium revitalization would benefit the constituents of NY-13 by providing a community gathering space that everyone can be proud of. The 1800 students at the George Washington Campus High School would have access to a place for music, chorus, and theater presentations. The auditorium would also be able to be used for graduations and arts for other schools in the community that do not have an auditorium of their own. The space is used for community celebrations, such as College Decision Day, pep rallies, and provides a space for specialized school clubs to meet. Furthermore, community events, such as Town Halls, roundtable events, STEM challenges, book fairs, and safety information sessions, can be held. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible and centrally located within NY-13. The students and community of NY-13 deserve functional and appealing places to gather, learn from one another, and celebrate the successes of our community members, young and old.

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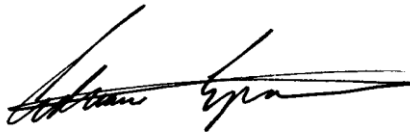
I am requesting funding for the Lehman College Field Renovation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lehman College located at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West New York, NY.

For decades, the Bronx neighborhood has dealt with the impacts of long-standing disinvestment. The borough faces the highest rates of poverty (27%) and obesity (34.5%) than any other New York City neighborhood. Funding these renovation efforts show an investment into community building and further encourages the surrounding community to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. Lehman College, located in the Bronx, serves over 13,000 students, with a student body that is 55% Hispanic or Latino and 25% Black or African American. The South Field is a central hub for the athletic activity for Lehman College and the local neighborhood. Additionally, it serves as the venue for the college's commencement ceremonies and an open field for surrounding community members to engage in enriching programming.

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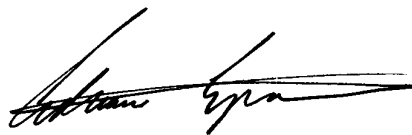
I am requesting funding for the P.S. 115 School Yard Upgrade and Playground Project in fiscal year 2026. The Alexander Humboldt School PS 115, located at 586 West 177th Street, New York, NY 10033, will receive funding for this project.

The P.S. 115 School Yard Upgrade and Playground Project represents a vital investment in the well-being and development of predominantly low-income students from pre-k to 5th grade. By allocating taxpayer dollars to this endeavor, we are prioritizing the creation of a modern, state-of-the-art playground that provides a safe and stimulating environment for our students. This funding ensures that our students have access to a space that promotes physical activity and fosters overall well-being, aligning with our commitment to their holistic growth. The benefits of this project extend beyond the current 500-plus students, leaving a lasting impact on future generations of students who will benefit from this enhanced outdoor play area. Thus, investing in this project is not just a wise use of taxpayer dollars but also a tangible demonstration of our dedication to providing equitable opportunities for all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

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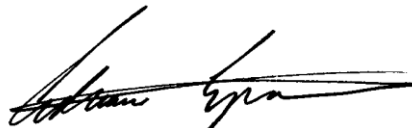
I am requesting funding for the P.S./I.S. 171 Restroom Facilities Renovation Upgrade in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Patrick Henry Preparatory, located at 19 East 103rd Street, New York, New York 10029.

This transformational project would benefit nearly 800 students and over 150 faculty members by providing long-term solutions such as reducing waste, replacing all wear-and tear while preventing the spread of germs through touchless/hands-free dispensers and hand-dryers. As a result, these fixtures and improvements will increase the benefits of hand washing and disease prevention. Research also reveals students' perception of school's conditions are linked to their academic inclination and overall opinion of the school. A bright, well-equipped and well maintained restroom indicates a positive and healthy environment where students develop an ownness of their community spaces and are able to witness the positive result of environmental stewardship. It is the goal of school leadership to safeguard our community of students and staff, their health and mental well-being.

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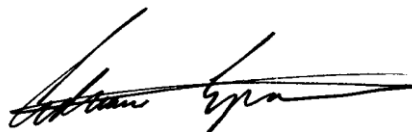
I am requesting funding for the P.S./I.S. 187 Energy Efficiency Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs (06M187), located at 349 Cabrini Boulevard, New York, New York 10040.

The community project aimed at enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability at P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs School is a strategic use of taxpayer funds with multifaceted benefits. By prioritizing energy efficiency, the initiative not only ensures long-term cost savings but also aligns with broader environmental objectives, benefiting both the school community and the planet. Improving energy efficiency at P.S./I.S. 187 will positively impact all students and staff members in several significant ways. Educational opportunities abound as students engage in hands-on experiences with renewable energy systems and sustainable practices, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental conservation. An enhanced learning environment, characterized by better lighting, temperature regulation, and indoor air quality, contributes to improved student focus and academic performance. Sustainable practices lead to healthier indoor environments, reducing absenteeism and promoting overall well-being among students and staff. Overall, investing in energy efficiency and sustainability at P.S./I.S. 187 demonstrates responsible fiscal stewardship while creating a healthier, more environmentally conscious learning environment for all members of the school community.

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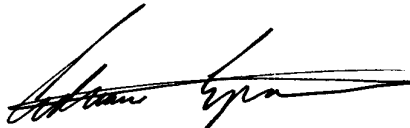
The investment will provide direct cost savings to small business owners by reducing monthly utility expenses, allowing them to redirect limited financial resources toward business growth, employee retention, and operational resilience. For many under-resourced entrepreneurs, even modest reductions in overhead can make the difference between staying open or closing their doors.

By easing the burden of energy costs, this program strengthens small business cash flow, promotes long-term sustainability, and stimulates local hiring. It also supports the City's climate goals by reducing consumption across thousands of storefronts -- positioning New York City as a national leader in energy efficient small business innovation.

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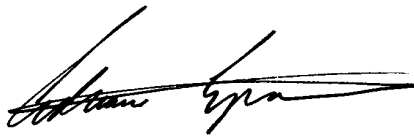
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