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May XX, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Humboldt County Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building Improvements and ADA Barrier Removal Project

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I'm writing to urge you to support our County's request for \$694,350 in Congressionally Directed Funding for the Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building Improvements and ADA Barrier Removal Project.

The Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building is in a state of disrepair and without a significant funding source to address the many needs of the facility. The highest priority needs at the facility are modernization of the building HVAC system (including the removal of hazardous materials), removal of ADA barriers to the building and site, and interior improvements to improve functionality and reduce ongoing maintenance needs. There are many additional smaller projects that are expected to be accomplished by County Building Maintenance staff over the course of time.

The Ferndale Veterans Memorial building is a public resource to the community that it serves. The building hosts community events, is a hub for charitable activities and fundraisers, and provides our Veterans groups with a place to meet and connect with each other and with the community.

Requested federal funding will be used for construction costs applicable to the project, as well as design and permit fees needed to complete the work. The County will provide staff time to manage and administer the work.

Again, Humboldt County strongly supports this project and we urge you to seek fiscal year 2022 appropriations to help fund this important work.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Requesting Entity Staff Contact Information – Phone Number and Email:

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Title of Project:

Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building Improvements and ADA Barrier Removal

Departmental Priority:

High

1. Project Name

Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building Improvements and ADA Barrier Removal

2. Amount of Federal Funding Requested for the Project

Seven hundred seventy-one thousand five hundred fifteen dollars (\$771,500).

3. Total Cost of Project and breakdown of funding sources (Detail all local, state and/or private funds. Are these funds secured, expected, or you are still seeking?).

Budget Breakdown:

Revenue Source	Project Budget	
Fed	\$241,500	ADA Barrier Removal
Fed	\$282,750	HVAC Modernization
Fed	\$54,375	Interior Improvements
Local	\$115,725	Design & Permit Fees
	\$77,150	Administration & Project Management
	\$771,500	
	-77,150	County match
	\$694,350	Federal aid needed

4. Possible Congressional Subcommittee

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5. General Project Description

The proposed project consists of improvements to the site including the exterior path of travel, interior ADA barrier removal, HVAC modernization, and miscellaneous interior work to restore the building to good working order.

6. Project Justification (Need for the project).

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7. Justification for why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds and is a public benefit.

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8. Explanation of how federal funds will be spent (for example on equipment, construction, labor, etc.)

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9. List of Any Stakeholder Groups or Elected Officials Who Support the Request

Per CAO

Agency: Humboldt County ADA Compliance Team

Project: Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building Improvements and ADA Barrier Removal

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