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Agenda : Department of General Services (3)

36-CGL	Nekeisia	Booyer	The Training Source	Support
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Thank you for giving The Training Source the opportunity to testify in support of our two capital grants (22-659 for \$200,000 and 22-799 for \$50,000). The Training Source's premises are 25+ years old and in dire need of renovation. We own four condos in this complex, three of which are contiguous, with the non-contiguous condo being used for storage. We began renovations in 2018 when we received our first capital grant; however, the renovations were delayed by COVID-19. We also received and spent local matching funds from a Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County Community Impact Grant. We would really appreciate your approval of the two FY 22 Bond Bills so we can complete our much-delayed Phase 2 renovations, and strengthen the education, training, and support services we provide to low- and moderate-income Prince George's County residents. We began our renovations with the aim of updating the space, improving the signage and lighting, and converting the non-contiguous condo into an office space and clothing closet. However, the project costs tied to the 2018 renovations were more extensive and expensive than we expected. The unanticipated costs included carpet replacement, new code requirements, double permitting, mold remediation, as well as complete rewiring, plumbing, and water heater replacement. We were therefore unable to complete the renovations. We did complete the renovation of our main facility and we began Phase 2 – renovation of the non-adjacent smaller unit with the matching funds from the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County's Community Impact Grant. Through that grant, we retained the services of architectural firm POM Studio LLC to create drawings for renovation of the portion of the building that was only being used for storage. We also conducted a security assessment of the entire property owned by The Training Source. To prepare for construction, we held a volunteer event at which we packed items for storage, removed unwanted items, and identified other items available for donating to other nonprofits. Now the space is ready for rehabilitation! We have been patiently awaiting the approval of the two capital grants that are on your agenda this week so we can complete the Phase 2 renovations: removal of the inoperable and unsightly security gates that cover the windows; upgrades to the security system (wiring, lighting); build-out of the space per the architectural drawings; and finally, installing furniture and fixtures. Once completed, The Training Source will be in a much better position to fulfill our vision of economic mobility for all! Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of The Training Source's two capital grants. We hope that you will vote IN FAVOR of support.

3-CGL	Chiara	D'Amore	The Community Ecology Institute	Support
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I am writing on behalf of the Community Ecology Institute (CEI) to provide testimony in support of our capital grant - DGS Item 23-691, (SL-209-230-038).

Essex Skypark Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation tasked with managing the Skypark. We have two on-site aviation STEM programs, local chapters of the FLYing Musicians and the Experimental Aircraft Association. Our lease with the County limits our ability to earn revenue so we have an extremely tight budget. This grant will help to refurbish our only structure (built in 1943) capable of supporting the STEM programs and the administration of the public use airport.