

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Safe and Secure Willamette Valley Communications Center (Regional EOC 9-1-1) Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Salem, located at 440 Church Street SE, Suite 400, PO Box 14300, Salem, Oregon, 97309.

The funding would be used for Salem – along with the 30 surrounding agencies they serve – for design development and a feasibility study for a protected, seismic facility designed to co-locate the Emergency Communications Center to provide a single coordination and operations point for dispatch, incident command, and emergency management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Salem provides 9-1-1 Dispatch services for thirty-two (32) police fire and EMS agencies from the Willamette Valley Communications Center. The Center processes more than 500,000 calls each year, supporting more than 415,000 people across nearly two thousand square miles and three counties – Lincoln, Marion and Polk Counties. It is critical that in times of need the communities of this region have a protected, seismic facility designed as a single point of coordination.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS