



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request community project funding for the Multi-Agency Law Enforcement/First Responders/Emergency Management Radio System Operability Upgrade project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, located at 330 N. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036. The funding will be used to upgrade law enforcement and first responder radio communications from narrow-band frequencies to a statewide, 700/800 MHz, Project 25-compliant, digital, trunked voice radio network. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a new radio system would add immeasurable value to the County of Jo Daviess to improve response times for emergency calls, reduce overtime for police officers and fire officials, provide better community dashboards and information, and most importantly, increase public safety. A new system will ensure reliability, improve public safety outcomes, and enhance capabilities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 34 U.S.C. 10381(b)(8).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress