

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4402

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Washington County Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington County, UT, located at 111 E Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770. The funding would be used for construction of a 9,000 sq ft pre-engineered metal building on a concrete foundation at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The building includes three emergency operations rooms with equipment, two offices, a break area, and two bathrooms with showers for extended-assignment staff, a vehicle storage bay for mobile emergency command vehicles and equipment, and training space for public safety agencies, NGOs, and county citizens. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there are very few resources for emergency operation centers in this area of Washington County. This center will provide a valuable resource to Washington County Emergency Management and a location for other entities on the county's east side for emergency operation space. This area is prone to severe drought and natural disasters associated with extreme heat. 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.

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

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Celeste Maloy
Member of Congress