

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,200,000 in funding for the Burnsville Public Safety Mobile Command Post Replacement in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of Burnsville, located at 100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville, MN 55337

The funding would be used to replace an over 20 year old Public Safety Mobile Command Post (MCP) vehicle. The MCP is used regionally to support law enforcement and public safety operations during large scale or high risk incidents. The current MCP is outdated and unreliable. The MCP is an important part of the emergency incident operations. Burnsville's tragedy in February required police and fire to operate in separate MCP due to the limitations of the current MCP. The MCP brings the vehicle and operators to any public safety agency who calls for it. This regularly occurs throughout Dakota County and beyond. The replacement will allow the public safety agencies to have an updated vehicle with current technology and a highly reliable vehicle with the room needed to have a unified operation across police, fire, and EMS which is vitally important to the success of an emergency operation. This vehicle will help us operate with an increased degree of safety.

This project would be a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would increase the effectiveness of law enforcement and public safety throughout Dakota County. The vehicle is housed in Burnsville but used regionally. Since this original mobile command post was purchased it has been used regionally for anyone who calls. The mobile command post will increase the safety of law enforcement and first responders by bringing a vehicle where police, fire, and EMS can operate from to mitigate a large scale or complex incident together. This unified command from police, fire, and EMS has become more important as the emergencies we respond to cross all three public safety functions regularly. Sharing information and making decisions together increases the safety for the public and emergency responders. These decisions are difficult to be made when police, fire, and EMS leaders are in different locations on an incident.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (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,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress