

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302

May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for Woodbury Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Equipment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Woodbury, located at 2100 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

The funding would be used to purchase communications systems, computers, mapping equipment and other emergency operations center equipment to be used at a centralized facility that will support emergency response, coordination and management during large-scale incidents and disasters. With federal investment, Woodbury's EOC will collect, gather, and analyze data; make decisions that protect life and property; maintain continuity of government; and coordinate with all concerned agencies and individuals. As the community grows, Woodbury Public Safety (including police) is responding to increasing call volume. The City is currently expanding its Public Safety Campus to provide more space for operations. An old dispatch center is being remodeled as part of the larger project. A new EOC is being developed to coordinate responses to emergencies and disasters. The EOC will serve as a hub for various departments to collaborate during crises. It will involve representatives from law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services and public works.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help Woodbury to equip the EOC with up-to-date technologies including communication systems, computers, maps and other tools necessary for monitoring and managing emergency situations. This equipment is critical for ensuring the safety and well-being of Woodbury residents.

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