

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$670,000 in funding for the City of Woodbury Police Department's acquisition of in-vehicle, body-worn and interview room cameras in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Woodbury, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125.

The funding would be used to replace older in-vehicle cameras, body-worn cameras, and an interview room camera system. Specifically, this funding will help Woodbury replace 45 cameras mounted in squad cars and 90 body-worn cameras, as well as equip 4 interview rooms. Existing cameras are older and becoming obsolete. New cameras have enhanced technical features, improved durability, and better video quality.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because new cameras will enable the agency to document all encounters with the public to develop clearer understandings of events, which will assist in the criminal justice process. This project will help the Woodbury Police Department ensure high-quality service of its officers, increase transparency and openness with the community, and strengthen trust in government.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angie" and last name "Craig" clearly distinguishable.

Angie Craig
Member of Congress