

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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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 \$1,500,000 in funding for the Dakota County Criminal Justice Network Records Management in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dakota County, located at 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN 55033

The funding would be used to create a state-of-the-art records management system (RMS) for law enforcement in Minnesota, by joining the Criminal Justice Network partner agencies in Dakota County to build a system that would securely meet the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) requirements, and Minnesota's specific needs for records management, as well as the sharing and integration of information throughout the criminal justice process. This unique partnership builds on 20+ years of collaboration and technology innovation by the Criminal Justice Network: to develop, implement and support applications that help law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies get the right information, at the right time. This approach is focused on eliminating redundant entry, improving processes, using technology to share and integrate information; it also allows agencies to combine resources to do what no one agency can do alone: provide staff support for the increasing complex and challenging technology environments for law enforcement.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will save time and money and increase accuracy and efficiencies throughout the criminal justice system. Law enforcement agencies across Minnesota are searching for a comprehensive, secure, and supportable records management system that meets the needs of Minnesota's specific law and criminal justice system processes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress