

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$800,000 in funding for the City of Lakeville Regional Public Safety Training Facility in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakeville, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044.

The funding would be used to develop final designs, plans and specifications in preparation to bid the building of a regional public safety training facility for use by public safety personnel in the south metro area and adjacent cities and counties. Public safety personnel currently use local businesses, schools, and vacant facilities as temporary training sites since there is not a permanent site that fits all the training and classroom needs. The facility will include physical and virtual training areas, classroom and meeting space, tactical training with movable partitions, a firing range and an armory area. The construction and operation will drive strong job creation and continued economic development in Lakeville and across Dakota County. Many of the jurisdictions within Dakota County and the south metro area, including the cities of Burnsville, Apple Valley, Farmington, Northfield, Eagan and Rosemount, have indicated their written support for this proposed public safety training facility.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve local law enforcement agencies' ability to consistently and routinely train public safety officers and employees. This will result in public safety officers' increased ability to maintain certifications and serve their communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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