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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,


I am requesting funding for the City of Bridgeport to undertake the Emergency Support Function Teams Radio Interoperability Upgrade project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Federal Emergency Management Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) account under the Department of Homeland Security. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bridgeport, located at 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

The City of Bridgeport. is seeking \$2,000,000 to provide emergency communications equipment to the Emergency Support Function (ESF) Teams that make up the Bridgeport EOC. The City of Bridgeport recently connected to the State of Connecticut Land, Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN) and these EOC agencies are seeking the funding to purchase much-needed equipment. The Authorized Equipment List numbers are: 06CP-01-BASE, 06-01-MOBL, 06-01-PORT, 06-01-HFRQ, 06-03-BAMP, 06CP-03-PRAC, 06CP-06-SAFE, 06CP-02-BRDG, 10PE-01-PCHG.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would connect the City of Bridgeport EOC ESF Teams to the State of Connecticut Land, Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). These ESF teams are crucial before, during, and after emergencies, disasters, or special events but are not currently connected to the CLMRN. Unified and interoperable communications are key to successful emergency support operations and the safety and welfare of the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
JIM HIMES  
Member of Congress

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