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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$405,611.25 to expand the existing fire station for the Montrose Fire Protection District in Montrose, IL in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montrose Fire Protection District, located at 209 W. National Road, Montrose, IL 62445.

The proposed project will allow the Montrose Fire Protection District to expand their fire station to build a simple three-bay 60' X 66' steel structure to give them the space to properly operate from and store their vehicles, equipment and fire trucks. The Montrose Fire Protection District's current fire truck bay doors are less than 10 feet tall, not large enough to accommodate more modern, larger fire trucks, which are generally 10-12.5 feet tall. This limits the type of fire trucks they can adequately store and use. Additionally, the building where the fire department stores additional response vehicles and equipment is over 120 years old and faces a number of maintenance issues. This new structure will provide the fire department with adequate space to store their equipment in addition to their fire trucks.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The new structure will allow the Montrose Fire Protection District the flexibility to park and upgrade their fire trucks in the facility (when able to purchase) and will provide them with the proper space to store equipment and supplies without impeding their ability to respond to calls, making for safer operations. Investing in this critical infrastructure is a prudent use of federal taxpayer dollars as it ensures public safety and preparedness for emergencies, directly impacting our community's most vulnerable populations and safeguarding essential community structures.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress