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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 \$5,994,854 for the Clinton County Emergency Radio and Communication System project in Clinton County, IL in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Clinton County IL Government, located at 850 Fairfax St., Carlyle, IL 62231.

The proposed project is for an emergency radio and communication system. Clinton County's Emergency Response Community - police, firefighters, first responders, ambulance personnel - are in critical need of an updated communication system to replace an antiquated 40+ year old system. The new P25 Trunk Radio System will serve emergency personnel throughout the county and is designed to exceed the coverage requirements, providing critical communications for in-building portable communications across the county. Funding for this project will be used to purchase equipment and will not be used for construction or to finance the installation. The budgetary breakdown for this project includes:

1. VHF P25 Phase 1 Trunking System for Portable and Mobile Units (also includes equipment for five Tx/Rx Radio Site Shelters) - \$3,935,344;
2. Generator System at Tower Sites - \$208,625;
3. Propane System at Tower Sites - \$25,000;
4. Radio Towers (materials for 3 new and 3 upgraded to support new loads) - \$1,122,985
5. Radio Site Equipment Shelters - \$440,000;
6. Environmental Studies and Soil Borings at Tower Sites - \$66,000;
7. Fencing material at Tower Sites - \$42,000;
8. Grounding Systems at Tower Sites - \$72,000;
9. Project consulting services - \$82,900.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The project is an excellent source of taxpayer funds because the system would be used across the region, lowering costs for municipalities while increasing emergency preparedness.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the 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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress