

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hennepin County Sheriff Metro Law Enforcement Technology Enhancements in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, located at 350 S 5th St, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

This funding would be used for three main purposes. First, it would allow Hennepin County and local law enforcement agencies to pilot a new public safety technology that would improve communication and coordination among local law enforcement. This technology allows for secure communication, interoperability between agencies, access across multiple devices to allow for field operations and fixed posts, and information sharing across platforms. Second, it would provide funding to improve internet connectivity in Hennepin County jails. Current wi-fi systems are out of date and large swaths of the facility do not have reliable connectivity. Connection can be lost suddenly, resulting in lost case notes and other important information. These upgrades will help ensure that security and safety needs are met. Lastly, the funding would allow for the purchase of investigatory tools, including forensic imaging equipment and data storage hardware. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide local law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to keep their communities safe.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Kelly Morrison
Member of Congress