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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ROSA L. DELAURO

3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bethany Volunteer Firemen's Association - Bethany Emergency Services Training Facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bethany Volunteer Firemen's Association, located at 756 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524.

The \$760,000 the Bethany Volunteer Firemen's Association is requesting in funding would be used to construct a burn building / training facility. The project will be officially named the "Bethany Emergency Services Training Facility". The two and a half story training structure has four working deck levels. The design is similar to a residential home, including an L-shaped staircase, usable attic, double door entry, gabled shutters, and a burn room area or garage. All doors/shutters are operational from both sides. the stairs and railings meet IBC/NFPA 1402 standards. The design and construction of the structure allows for the burning of pallets to produce a realistic fire environment. They are also adding a collection system for the water used to extinguish the fires. This structure will allow firefighters to train on all aspects of their job including, search and rescue, forcible entry, ladder operations, firefighter safety and survival, fire attack and more. Most importantly this would give firefighters the ability to train in a more realistic environment with live fire, heat, and smoke. EMS personnel will also be provided with countless training opportunities within this structure.

This project would not only impact the safety of their community but also the surrounding ones. They fully intend to make the Bethany Emergency Services Training Facility available to other fire and EMS organizations throughout the area. Their department hosts training for both the state fire academy and area fire schools. This structure would allow them to host a wider variety of classes and affect the training of emergency service personnel across the state. This will in turn enhance the public safety for countless residents of their community and communities throughout Connecticut.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress