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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Radio Tower Equipment for Rural Community Coverage Project – Douglas County, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,450,000 within the Community Oriented Policing Services account as part of the Committee's Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, located at 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon 97470. The project is located at Latitude: 43.491304N, Longitude: -123.520307W in Douglas County, Oregon 97462.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is requesting \$1,450,000 to purchase one radio tower frame, emergency communications radio technology (antennas, microwaves, racks, electronics, DC power converter system, FCC licensing & coordinator), and the PreFab building kit for the tower to provide emergency communications coverage to rural communities currently lacking radio coverage in Northern Douglas County. The rural communities served include Kellogg, Tyee, Scottsburg, Loon Lake, Drain, and Yoncalla. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help enhance public safety and significantly improve emergency communications for first responders, allowing both fire and law enforcement to be able to communicate during emergency calls in these rural communities. Currently there is little to no cell service, so Douglas County's first responders are completely isolated when responding to calls. This funding is necessary to ensure the safety and interoperability of our first responders. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office do not anticipate difficulty acquiring funding to construct the radio tower.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is aligned with the purposes of 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 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 "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle  
Member of Congress