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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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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 Corvallis 9-1-1 Backup Center – Corvallis, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,980,000 within the Committee’s Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Corvallis, specifically for its Police Department, located at 501 SW Madison Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.

The City of Corvallis is requesting \$1,980,000 to purchase equipment for a backup 911 center that will provide redundancy for Benton County emergency response services. In the event that the primary 911 center is rendered inoperative, this backup center will allow for an uninterrupted transition of call center operations.

The Corvallis 911 Center is housed in the Corvallis Police Department. This center provides critical services to all but a small portion of Benton County. Three law enforcement agencies and seven fire agencies, including EMS services, use these emergency dispatch services.

Corvallis Police is one of only three nationally accredited (CALEA) law enforcement agencies in the State of Oregon. The project was identified through one of the CALEA standards for the agency, which is to provide for a fully functioning 911 backup center.

This need has been communicated to all the emergency response agencies that use the Corvallis Center. Each agency strongly supports this project, recognizing that dispatch is the key link between the public in distress and emergency aid. The agencies have provided letters of support for this application.

The request is to create a fully functional emergency 911 backup center with redundant systems to include radios, Computer Aided Dispatch, and phone lines that are fully independent of the primary 911 Center. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because equipment redundancy ensures a seamless transition of call center services and the uninterrupted protection of the communities the City of Corvallis and its Police Department serves, which could quite literally save lives.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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 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 initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle
Member of Congress