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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the County of Lane Rural Fire Radio Network Resilience Project – Lane County, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,500,000 within the Committee’s Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Lane County, located at 125 East 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. The proposed service areas include Pleasant Hill, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Coburg, Junction City, Veneta, Noti, Walton, and Marcola.

The Rural Fire Radio Network Resilience Project is intended to support and improve the resiliency of the Lane County Rural Fire Radio Network by increasing backup power and updating aged communications infrastructure at remote radio sites that support critical public safety communications. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because many rural fire radio sites cannot currently be monitored for technical issues due to old infrastructure, and as a result, public safety end users can only determine that a site is not operational because it stops working. With these improvements made to the system network, the health of the radio equipment can be monitored remotely so that issues can be detected and repaired before causing an operational outage, allowing remote sites to remain in service for an adequate period of time during power disruptions and emergencies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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