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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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 Cottage Grove Community Policing Project in Cottage Grove, OR, in the amount of \$500,000 within the Office of Justice Programs – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants account as part of the Committee’s Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cottage Grove Police Department located at 400 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

The Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) is requesting \$500,000 to enhance the Department’s community policing efforts in Cottage Grove. The requested funding would be used to acquire seven new police patrol vehicles (\$420,000), eight new mobile data terminals (\$16,000), eight new radios (\$30,000), and comprehensive training for the effective use of this new equipment (\$34,000). These investments are an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as they are crucial for improving officer mobility, communication, and response capabilities, ultimately leading to a safer and more engaged community.

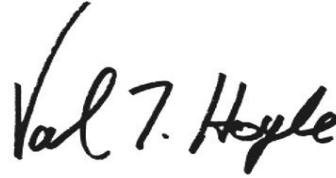
CGPD is working to reinvent itself in the image of a model community policing department while recovering from past leadership turmoil. Under new leadership, CGPD is working tirelessly to center community-oriented policing practices, foster strong officer-citizen relations, and facilitate positive law enforcement outcomes for the city.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34. U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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