

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman Granger
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Baring Emergency Shelter Generator Community project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Skykomish Fire Department, located at 105 E Old Cascade Hwy, Skykomish, WA 98288.

The funding would be used for a new generator to support the needs of the fire district and the community by enabling the facility to have full emergency power when electric lines go down. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because on many occasions Baring has been cut off from both the east and the west due to flooding, winter storms, wildfires, and highway closures. Since the station was built in 1995 it has been used in many emergency situations for the town of Baring and unincorporated King County along U.S. Route 2, as well as the Town of Skykomish, the Stevens Pass resort area, and many of the forested lands adjacent to the highway.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the 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,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress