

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol 1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chelan County Firefighting Water Tanks project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chelan County Fire Marshal's Office, located at 412 Washington St., Wenatchee WA 98801.

The proposal would repurpose mobile cargo containers designed for use as water storage tanks into stationary water tanks. The tanks have a 21,000 gallons capacity and are insulated on the exterior for a rating to -10 degrees. There are adaptable plumbing fixtures installed and the tanks are fitted with an axle and wheels making them easily transportable, allowing them to be relocated to areas experiencing a major fire incident within the county if needed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety for the most fire prone city in the state.

In remote areas without water access the round-trip to shuttle water between fires and the nearest hydrant miles away takes half an hour. This project is a partnership that will improve public safety by strategically locating water tanks for use in high hazard areas with no firefighting water resources. A reliable water source located at reasonable intervals within the service area would allow fire districts to lessen the distance traveled and deliver a consistent supply of water, reducing both community fire risk and insurance rates. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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