

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 2, 2025

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, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Granite Falls Fire Training Facility Expansion - Granite Falls, WA project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Snohomish County Fire District #17 (Granite Falls Fire), located at 116 S. Granite Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252.

The funding would be used for a modular classroom and live fire equipment for the Granite Falls Fire Department. Snohomish County Fire District #17 (Granite Falls Fire Department) has recently completed a fire training facility, and this project presents an exceptional opportunity to build upon and expand the facility's capability by adding two essential features - a modular classroom and live fire equipment. During the regional training facility's initial design and construction phase, the Fire District could not incorporate the Gas Fired Training Props due to budgetary constraints. However, it ensured the necessary infrastructure was installed to accommodate this future addition.

Furthermore, the Fire District has identified a shortfall in its site plan for the regional training facility and upcoming headquarters fire station. Their attention has been drawn to the need for onsite classroom space before most hands-on training sessions. To address this concern, they have planned to incorporate classroom(s) at the training site. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this will allow their trainers and regional partners to host both hands-on and classroom-only training sessions, enabling them to deliver the highest standard of training and education.

This 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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress