

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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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, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the King County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit Upgrade Program – Seattle, WA project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the King County Sheriff's Office, located at 516 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

The funding would be used for the King County Sheriff's Office to complete upgrades on one of its two rescue helicopters. The King County Sheriff's Office operates the only full-time patrol and rescue helicopter air unit in Washington State. Funding would be used for upgraded transmission, upgraded main rotor blades for use with the new transmission, and upgraded electronics and avionics. Currently, the helicopter in question is facing diminished lift capacity on hot days, impacted stability and lift capacity, and impacted hoist operations of multiple subjects. The rescue aircraft is used for rescue missions throughout the state, quick strike fire fighting operations, responding to major disasters in the state, and transporting SWAT and specialty units to high-risk situations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the King County Sheriff's Office's ability to conduct rescue operations throughout the state, respond to major disasters, and transport SWAT and specialty police units to high-risk situations. The King County Sheriff's Office's helicopter air unit is the only full-time patrol and rescue unit in the state.

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

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress