

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 19, 2026

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:

I am requesting funding for the North Central Regional Healthcare Training Center Equipment - Chelan, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Chelan Health, located at 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive, Chelan, WA 98816.

The funding would be used for the purchase of healthcare training equipment for Lake Chelan Health. This equipment would include procedural manikins, realistic lifecasts, hardware and software for an augmented reality medical simulator, and related healthcare training technology and tools. Training would be available for the full spectrum of regional healthcare roles, including nurses, physicians, CNAs, ER technicians, EMTs, paramedics, Obstetrics nurses, Operating Room nurses, MAs (registered or certified medical assistants), PAs (Physician Assistants), and new nurse onboarding cohorts. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because increasing access to critical medical training would strengthen healthcare quality, emergency preparedness, and rural workforce sustainability across Central Washington. The project would reduce local healthcare costs by improving clinical quality and preventing errors, preparing the region for emergencies, disasters, and public health threats, and reducing the financial strain on the small rural hospitals and EMS agencies in the area.

The program is supported by local medical system partners, including Columbia Valley Community Health, the University of Washington Rural Health Family Residency Program, and the North Central Emergency Care Council (Regional EMS Council).

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.

Member of Congress