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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the County of Lane Emergency Communications Resiliency and Interoperability Project – Lane County, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,100,000 within the Committee’s Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Lane County, located at 125 East 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. The project is located at Latitude: 43.8424535N, Longitude: -122.8911571W in Lane County, Oregon.

The funding would be used to replace an aging multi-purpose radio tower/building at Bear Mountain in Lane County and purchase 100 multi-band radios for 10 rural fire districts such that they have interoperability with each other, local police agencies, and the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Bear Mountain tower is crumbling and needs to be replaced, and the radios for rural fire districts are critical for radio continuity during routine and catastrophic situations. This communications site is used by Federal, State and County agencies for law enforcement, fire, and public works, and is owned by the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. The radios for fire districts are critical to radio continuity for first responders during both routine and catastrophic situations, as well as keeping communication networks (cell and internet) functional for the public.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is aligned with the priorities of 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a) to provide essential radio communications public works facilities to the rural community near Cottage Grove, an eligible population (10,574 people) under 7 CFR 3570.53. Cottage Grove’s population makes it eligible for up to 55% grant funding under 7 CFR 3570.53.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle  
Member of Congress