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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chair 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 Kellogg Rural Fire District – Main Fire Station (Oakland, Oregon), in the amount of \$1,200,000 million within the Committee’s Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Kellogg Rural Fire District (KRFD), located at 12580 Highway 138 West, Oakland, Oregon 97462-9776.

**Kellogg Rural Fire District – Main Fire Station (Oakland, Oregon)**

KRFD is requesting \$1.2 million to build a Main Fire Station that is centrally located in their Fire District. KRFD currently has two 2-bay garages that house some of their fire apparatus, but these garages have no training room and limited facilities. Their trainings and meetings are conducted outside or in an apparatus bay. Their current buildings do not have the room for the firefighter turnout gear and equipment normally found in fire stations. A Main Fire Station will add needed firefighting capacity and facilities, as well as a community event space.

KRFD has already completed preparation work at the building site and would use Community Project Funding for construction of the Main Fire Station.

KRFD has been able to complete building site work, septic approval, water well, pump house, and power utility installation for a Main Fire Station. Additionally, the building site footprint for the Main Fire Station is ready for construction. The largest part of this project has been getting the site out of the floodplain map. Over 9,400 cubic yards of fill has been brought in, and an additional 1,220 more cubic yards of fill will be completed this Spring (2023). Most of the fill project was done with volunteer time, donated fill material, and equipment. Some expenses were paid out for dump truck services.

As noted, KRFD is very rural. Their District has no town, schools, businesses, nor community center. There are small neighborhoods, ranches, and forest lands. This project would benefit their community by ensuring that fire equipment is strategically located to protect their residents and property throughout the Fire District. This Main Fire Station would provide a location for training, meetings, and inside apparatus parking for remaining vehicles. In addition, it would grant KRFD more options for properly washing firefighting gear and medical equipment, providing additional savings. Currently, KRFD uses the washing services of a neighboring Fire Department, which is a costly 40-mile round trip.

A new Main Fire Station will provide additional capacity, shelter, and safety coordination for emergencies or natural disasters, as well as a community space for events and meetings, vaccine clinics and other healthcare-related events, community fire safety events, and a Command Center for KRFD.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). Based on 2020 Census data for Census Tract 300 in Douglas County, Oregon – where KRFD’s Main Fire Station facility will be located – has a population of approximately 4,047. As specified in 7 CFR 3570.53, any Community Facilities project must serve a rural area (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents). In addition, this request is subject to cost share requirements specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). This unincorporated community’s population makes it eligible for up to 75% grant funding under 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

The Community Facilities Program is meant to ensure that rural areas have essential community infrastructure and the same basic quality of life and services as those in urban areas. The Kellogg Rural Fire District – Main Fire Station (Oakland, Oregon) Community Project Funding request is perfectly aligned with the intent of this program.

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, slightly slanted style.

Val T. Hoyle  
Member of Congress