

Project Name:

Troy Library and Opportunity Center

Recipient:

Lincoln County Library

Address:

220 W 6th Street, Libby, MT 59923

Amount Requested:

\$1,500,000

Project Explanation:

This project will turn the Troy branch of the Lincoln County Library into the Troy Library and Opportunity Center (TLOC). Through partnership, collaboration, and community building, this needed community asset will reduce barriers in accessing services and resources and will improve the health, social, and economic outcomes, for the citizens of Troy, Bull River, Yak, and surrounding remote areas. The TLOC also serves as the local Job Service access point in the county as there is no official physical office in all of Lincoln County. This is vital to the economic health of the community and serves as the focal point for people in the area seeking employment. The TLOC also serves as a community broadband access location for an extremely remote community with limited or no internet access whatsoever providing the often-sole source of commerce-supporting access in the area. This project will make critical facility upgrades with multi use aspects providing valuable services space not just for the library, job service, and local business support services in the area but also safe and secure spaces for emergency service coordination events and law enforcement interviews and community meetings.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Troy Library and Opportunity Center

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Troy Library and Opportunity Center in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Lincoln County, located at 512 California Ave, Libby, MT 59923.

This project will turn the Troy branch of the Lincoln County Library into the Troy Library and Opportunity Center (TLOC) making critical facility upgrades with multi use aspects providing valuable services space not just for the library, job service, and local business support services in the area but also safe and secure spaces for emergency service coordination events and law enforcement interviews and community meetings. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because through partnership, collaboration, and community building, this needed community asset will reduce barriers in accessing services and resources and will improve the health, social, and economic outcomes, for the citizens of Troy, Bull River, Yak, and surrounding remote areas. The TLOC also serves as the local Job Service access point in the county as there is no official physical office in all of Lincoln County. This is vital to the economic health of the community and serves as the focal point for people in the area seeking employment. The TLOC also serves as a community broadband access location for an extremely remote community with limited or no internet access whatsoever providing the often-sole source of commerce-supporting access in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress