

Project Name:

Law enforcement equipment for 5 rural counties

Recipient:

Mineral County

Address:

P.O. Box 550, 300 River Street, Superior, MT 58972

Amount Requested:

\$2,123,500

Project Explanation:

To reduce cost to the taxpayer and promote equipment continuity in the event of a multi-county response to an incident, Mineral, Lake, Beaverhead, Lincoln, and Sanders counties have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to purchase much needed vehicles and equipment in bulk for bolstered law enforcement and public safety. The crisis at the southern border has turned every state into a border state – including Montana. Five rural counties with a combined population of less than 80,000 are experiencing exponential increases in human trafficking, drug trafficking, overdoses, and crime, directly related to the border crisis. These five counties have formed a joint purchasing agreement to purchase desperately needed equipment and vehicles in bulk to save tens- to hundreds of thousands of dollars per county. The funding will purchase patrol vehicles, body scanners, radios and telecom equipment, rifles, vests, and fund safety upgrades.

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: Law enforcement equipment for 5 rural counties

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Law enforcement equipment for 5 rural counties in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Mineral County, located at P.O. Box 550, 300 River Street, Superior, MT 58972.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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