

Project Name:

Equipment for Powell County Volunteer Fire Departments

Recipient:

Powell County

Address:

409 Missouri Ave. Ste. 203, Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

Amount Requested:

\$1,009,934

Project Explanation:

Powell County is larger than the entire state of Delaware, and large sections of the County are very remote. First responders are responsible for responding to more than 800 miles of county road, 90 miles of state highway, and 36 miles of Interstate. Volunteer departments respond to hundreds of interstate accidents every year in addition to countless search and rescue operations on millions of acres of rugged wilderness. This request would fund the acquisition of equipment for EMS, fire department and search and rescue operations. This will help both Granite and Powell Counties, as both Gold Creek and Drummond's Valley Fire work together per a mutual aid agreement, which further extends the impact of this request.

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

May 3, 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: Equipment for Powell County Volunteer Fire Departments Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Powell County Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Powell County, located at 409 Missouri Ave, Suite 203, Deer Lodge, MT 59722.

Powell County is larger than the state of Delaware and the largest areas of the Country are very remote. First responders are responsible for responding to over 800 miles of Country roads, 90 miles of state highway and 36 miles of Interstate. The rural tax base can't keep up with meeting the needs of the volunteers who respond to many of the emergency calls. This funding will help make our friends and family who are the first responders from our community safer and more effective as the work to protect our lives and critical infrastructure.

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).

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