

**Project Name:**

Belgrade Police Department Emergency Operations Center

**Recipient:**

Belgrade Justice Center

**Address:**

P.O. Box 810, Belgrade, MT 59714.

**Amount Required:**

\$2,000,000

**Project Description:**

The City of Belgrade, Montana, is the fastest growing city in the state and has rapidly outgrown its existing public safety facilities. The current police department building was designed to serve a much smaller community and no longer provides adequate space, security infrastructure, or operational capability for modern law enforcement and emergency management needs. To address this issue in a fiscally responsible manner, the City entered into a land swap agreement with the Belgrade School District and acquired a former elementary school originally constructed in the 1950s. The building provides an opportunity to convert an existing public structure into a modern police station and local Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This funding will allow the Belgrade City Police to make significant improvements to the building and make it operational as a public safety facility.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2601**  
March 20, 2026

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: Belgrade Police Department Emergency Operations Center**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Belgrade Justice Center in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Belgrade Police Department located at P.O. Box 810, Belgrade, MT 59714.

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The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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