

Project Name:

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Emergency Comms

Recipient:

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Address:

P.O. Box 678, Pablo, MT 59855

Amount Required:

\$250,000

Project Description:

This funding will support law and order and enhance officer safety for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes by replacing antiquated emergency services dispatch communications systems and equipment. The improvements to the dispatch center will be a benefit to all residents of the Flathead Reservation spanning Lake, Sanders, Missoula, and Flathead Counties. Clear communication among tribal, local and state emergency service dispatch centers, first responders, law enforcement, and other emergency service providers during any and all emergencies situations is paramount to a successful and safe outcome for all involved. CSKT provides primary law enforcement and investigative services on the Flathead Reservation which encompasses four Montana counties: Lake, Sanders, Missoula and Flathead. Similarly, CSKT provides critical wildland fire protection on the Reservation and throughout the region. CSKT's dispatch center is the critical to engaging appropriate emergency service providers on the Reservation and in western Montana.

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

March 19, 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: Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Emergency Comms

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Emergency Comms in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes located at P.O. Box 678, Pablo, MT 59855.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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