

**Project Name:**

Charlo Volunteer Fire Department

**Recipient:**

Charlo Rural Vol. Fire District 57201

**Address:**

Montana Highway 212 Charlo, MT 59824

**Amount Required:**

\$100,000

**Project Description:**

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**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: Emergency Radios for Charlo Volunteer Fire Department**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Radios for Charlo-Moiese Volunteer Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Charlo Rural Vol. Fire District 57201 located at Montana Highway 212 Charlo, MT 59824.

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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