

Project Name:

Lake County Office of Emergency Management Communication Tower Replacements

Recipient:

Lake County Office of Emergency Management

Address:

57201 Montana Highway 212 Charlo, MT 59824

Amount Required:

\$400,000

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: Lake County Office of Emergency Management Communication Tower Replacements

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake County Office of Emergency Management Communication Tower Replacements in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake County located at 57201 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 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