

**Project Name:**

Ronan Volunteer Fire Department Replacement of 30 Year Old Type 1 Fire Truck

**Recipient:**

Ronan Volunteer Fire Department

**Address:**

210 Adams St. SW, Ronan, MT 59864

**Amount Requested:**

\$730,000

**Project Description:**

Support \$730,000 for the purchase of a Type 1 Structure Engine to replace the current vehicle which is over 30 years old. The purchase would replace aging equipment and improve emergency response capacity. This funding will directly strengthen emergency response capacity in Montana's First Congressional District, where many rural and tribal communities face long response times and limited firefighting resources. By equipping the Ronan Fire Department with a modern, NFPA-compliant Type 1 engine, we not only enhance local fire protection but also regional mutual aid support across Lake County and surrounding areas. This project promotes public safety, supports rural infrastructure, and aligns with congressional priorities to invest in underserved communities. Additionally, it strengthens partnerships between local, tribal, and federal entities in protecting critical infrastructure and natural resources.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2601**  
May 2, 2025

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: Ronan Fire Department – Type 1 Structure Engine**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ronan Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ronan Volunteer Fire Department, 210 Adams St, SW Ronan, MT 59864.

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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