

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0403

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee On Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for NEBCO Fire Station Improvements in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benton County Arkansas, located at 215 E. Central Ave. Bentonville, AR 72712. The funding would be used for facility construction and upgrades, including structure material, heating and air, a new waterline and additional equipment, including a fire truck. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the safety of the citizens of Northeast Benton County by increasing the capability of the NEBCO Volunteer Fire Department. NEBCO services 3715 households across an 84 square mile service area, including 81 miles of Beaver Lake's shoreline. NEBCO also provides mutual support to surrounding fire departments. In 2023, NEBCO responded to 1,003 calls across its fire and EMS service.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress