



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hermitage Police Department Vehicles in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hermitage, located at 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. The funding would be used for the purchase of six (6) new Police Interceptor Utility vehicles and related equipment at an estimated cost of \$52,021.00 per vehicle for a total estimated cost of \$312,126.00. The project will provide new, reliable police vehicles for three police detectives, the chief of police, and two deputies, to be used in the performance of their duties. These upgrades will enhance the ability of the Hermitage Police Department to investigate and prosecute crimes, as well as prevent criminal activity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Hermitage Police Department is currently cycling high-mileage, unreliable police cruisers to detectives and administrators, after being used by patrol officers and decommissioned upon reaching the 100,000-mile range. The remaining patrol vehicles are 2017 models which are no longer manufactured and with diminished replacement part availability. These vehicles are unreliable and costly to maintain given that they have been operated under relatively extreme conditions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress