



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

March 24, 2023

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
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hickory Township Volunteer Fire Department Squad Truck - Hickory Township, PA in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hickory Township Volunteer Fire Department, located at 2480 Eastbrook Rd, New Castle, PA 16105. The funding would be used to assist in purchasing a new Squad/Rescue truck. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current 1991 Squad/Rescue truck is unsafe to drive on the roadway. The current issues include brake malfunction, rusted holes in frame, overweight with equipment, and not able to hold all the needed equipment. This new truck will be able to serve the community for over 25 years. This squad/rescue truck is certified to run medical calls through the state as a Quick Response Service (QRS) and is valuable tool when there are no ambulances available for 20-40 minutes. which These call amount for 65% of the calls in Hickory Township. This truck hauls critical medical equipment, water and rope rescue equipment, jaws of life, chainsaws, and cribbing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress