

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2501

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for upgrades to St. Louis City's Fire Training Tower in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Saint Louis, Missouri, located at 1200 Market Street, Room 200, Saint Louis, MO 63103. The funding would be used to support the renovation of the existing Fire Training Tower. Necessary repairs include the replacement of safety systems, masonry work, replacement of heat-reflective panels, classroom additions, and the purchase of auxiliary training props. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the quality of fire training in St. Louis City, supporting public safety and workforce development

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3m f', likely representing Wesley Bell.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress