

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

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Vinita Park & 8 Municipalities Police Headquarters in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Vinita Park, located at 8374 Midland Boulevard, Vinita Park, MO 63114. The funding would be used to construct a new regional police headquarters that will serve its own residents and eight neighboring municipalities that currently rely on its police department, the North County Police Cooperative, for full-service emergency response due to the loss of their own departments.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures stable, high-quality emergency police services for nine North St. Louis County communities. A centralized, modern police headquarters will improve public safety, response times, and operational efficiency across the region. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3mf', likely representing Wesley Bell.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress