

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operations Center Infrastructure Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035

Project: McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) Infrastructure Project

Recipient: Fairfax County Government

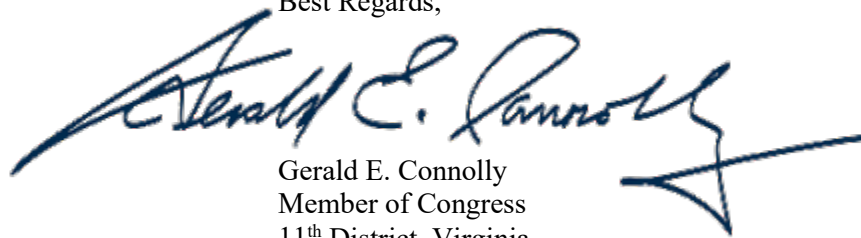
Amount: \$1,200,000

Background: This project will make infrastructure improvements at the McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) by enhancing the situational awareness infrastructure and connectivity between the Public Safety Communications Center, Regional Transportation Center and the County's Emergency Operations Center, which is also used by the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Multiagency Coordination Center for larger regional events. When originally built, MPSTOC was a state-of-the-art facility that is a partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County charged with coordinating transportation and public safety responses in both the County and Northern Virginia. A key component of these efforts is operational coordination and ensuring state and local transportation and public safety organizations are seeing the same information about ongoing incidents. This project would fund the replacement of Audio/Visual equipment and infrastructure. By increasing situational awareness and connectivity through the real-time sharing of data between the centers, County and state agencies will be more informed which will increase coordination and collaboration and improve overall response and recovery operations. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds as it will enhance the ability of emergency management agencies to protect and save lives through effective incident response operations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia