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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Night Vision Thermal Enhancement Technology Modernization in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. The funding would be used for the project below.

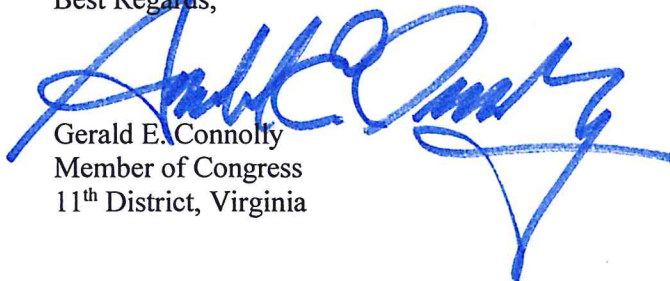
Project: Night Vision Thermal Enhancement Technology Modernization
Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Amount: \$250,000

Justification: The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) will use this funding to purchase new Night Vision Thermal Enhancement technology for the SWAT and Canine Sections of the Office of Special Operations Division (SOD). The FCPD SWAT team is the only Tier 1 level tactical team in the Northern Virginia region, as well as the only full-time standing unit in Northern Virginia. The Canine Section is made up of 15 pairs who are deployed 24/7 and serve as field consultants for SOD when needed. This technology will enhance the ability of both the SWAT Team and Canine Section to apprehend violent, armed individuals. Utilizing Night Vision Thermal Enhancement Technology lessens the likelihood of needing to use force to apprehend a suspect, increasing safety for officers, suspects, and the surrounding community while ensuring public safety. It will also enhance safety in the field for officers working with large groups through "tagging" technology to locate other team members, providing a safer, more efficient response.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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