

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Fort Bragg Gig** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **City of Fort Bragg**, located at 416 N Franklin St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

The funding would be used to provide one hundred percent of households and businesses within the City of Fort Bragg access to connect via underground conduit and fiber to Internet services. The network is designed to facilitate growth and future technological advancements, providing capabilities up to 10 Gbps Internet connectivity to all households, large and small businesses, anchor institutions and public safety entities.

This project has a federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the infrastructure and framework for a climate resilient workforce will support enduring capacity for generations to come. Fort Bragg needs city-wide digital infrastructure to position our community for economic success, especially with forthcoming technologies expected in the coming years, all of which will require greater bandwidth than what is currently offered. Our vision is to train local people to enter marine and climate-focused jobs at every level. The community also needs access to remote learning and telehealth.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress