

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 **Leggett Valley Fire Protection District Fire Station Modernization** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Leggett Valley Fire Protection District**, located at 66255 Drive Thru Tree Rd Leggett, Ca 95585.

The funding would be used to expand and modernize the Leggett Valley Fire Department Fire Station 570. Fire stations need to operate 24-7-365 and are crucial in providing for public safety. As an "Essential Facilities" this structure is vital to the socioeconomics of the area it protects and serves. The garage housing Leggett Fire's fleet of apparatus is over 50 years old and has no crew quarters. This project would expand the apparatus bay to accommodate all of Leggett Fire's vehicles, modernize with exhaust ventilation and separate PPE area with extractors and dryers, demo blighted dome building, and construct new crew quarters with training facilities and a kitchen.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a modern fire station is out of reach by traditional means in the Leggett area. The region is economically depressed and needs funding to reach its goal of providing the high quality emergency services to the public.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress