

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for an Ambulance Station in Lake County, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Vincent Health, located at 816 W 4th Street Leadville, CO 80461.

The project will replace the existing St. Vincent Health (SVH) ambulance garage with a new ambulance station and construct an enclosed ambulance entry at the SVH Emergency Department. These improvements will strengthen emergency response capability, staff safety, and workforce stability in Lake County. The current ambulance garage is more than 30 years old and no longer meets the operational needs of modern emergency medical services. The facility is undersized for current ambulance vehicles, lacks adequate storage and ventilation for diesel equipment, and has aging mechanical systems that create operational risk in Lake County's severe winter climate.

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

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

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress