

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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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March 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Standby Generator for Emergency Operations in Westminster, Colorado, in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Westminster, located at 10455 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado.

This Community Project Funding request would allow the City of Westminster to purchase a standby generator to support emergency communications and temporary shelter during power outages. Westminster serves approximately 115,000 residents and sits within a major metropolitan corridor along Colorado Highway 36, which carries 80,000 to 120,000 vehicles per day. Life threatening cold weather is the City's most pressing risk, closely followed by heatwaves and high wind events. Less frequent but high impact incidents such as the 2021 Marshall Fire and the 2006 blizzard have also required activation of emergency operations. All these conditions are likely to involve power outages or utility-initiated safety shut offs. A standby emergency generator ensures continuous operation of critical communication infrastructure including dispatch systems, radio repeaters, mobile data terminals, evidence and surveillance servers during power outages or emergencies. This directly supports resilient agency communications and emergency shelter for displaced citizens.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brittany Petterson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brittany Petterson

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