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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Humble Public Safety Improvements in fiscal year 2024, The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Humble, located at 114 West Higgins, Humble, Texas 77338.

The funding would be used for the City of Humble, located in Harris County, Texas which has a population of 16,396. The Police Department operates with one station and 65 officers in addition to 38 civilian personnel. In 2022, The Humble police department responded to 32,165 calls up by 8.2% from 2020. Growth in the community has increased demand for services and the need to increase the force to 80 officers in five years. To meet this demand and an additional 12,000 square feet is need at the police station for staff, training, file and record storage. Funding request is for architectural design and engineering. The request for the police department includes an upgrade to the in-car camera system for 53 patrol cars and the station interview room. The city seeks funds to purchase a vehicle for the City's Warrant Officer.

The City of Humble Fire Rescue has two stations staffed by 45 dual certified firefighter/paramedic/ EMT's and six paramedics. Humble Fire Rescue responded to 1,045 non-EMS related calls and 4,159 EMS calls for service in 2022 an increase of 21.37% and 21.34% from 2020, respectively. Fire station #1 is 33 years old and has reached the end of its useful life despite the city's best effort to maintain and patch the antiquated building. The existing station has no capacity for additional personnel or apparatus; training and skills areas are limited. The structure is unfit for occupancy at this point, but they have no other place to operate. The city anticipates needing to construct an 18,000 square feet facility that will provide adequate space for housing, offices, apparatus bays, training, storage and community areas. Cost are about \$10.7 million to demolish the existing structure, architectural and engineering design services, construction, and temporary housing personnel and apparatus.

Humble Fire Rescue requests to purchase a vehicle and equipment to replace a utility vehicle and side-by-side all terrane vehicle.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves safety for the constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 U.S. Code Sec.2250

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being more prominent and stylized.

Member of Congress