



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Guilford Fire Station Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Guilford Fire District located at 110 Mechanic St, Guilford, NY 13780.

This funding would be used to assist the Guilford Fire District in constructing a new fire station in the Hamlet of Guilford. This project will replace the existing firehouse, originally constructed in 1927, which has become structurally unsafe and no longer meets modern building codes. The current facility poses significant safety risks to personnel and is inadequate for housing today's emergency response equipment. The proposed fire station will be a single-story building with a total area of approximately 8,600 square feet. It will include a four-bay apparatus garage designed to accommodate fire and EMS vehicles and equipment. The facility will also feature a dedicated training and meeting room, gear storage, general storage areas, and will meet all current accessibility standards. The new station will provide a safe, functional, and code-compliant environment that supports the essential work of the volunteer fire department.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a responsible investment in public safety and long-term infrastructure. The current fire station is unsafe, outdated, and costly to maintain. A new, code-compliant facility will improve emergency response, reduce maintenance costs, and better protect both volunteers and the community.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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,

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Josh Riley  
Member of Congress