



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 Monticello Village Hall: A Modern Hub for Public Safety & Community Services in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Monticello located at 2 Pleasant Street Monticello, NY 12701.

This funding will support the construction of a new, modern Village Hall that will serve as a centralized hub for essential municipal and public safety services. This 25,000-square-foot facility will replace multiple outdated and inefficient structures, significantly improving operational efficiency, accessibility, and community engagement for this rural community. The new Village Hall will increase government transparency, improve response times and service quality, and provide a safer environment for residents and staff alike. This project directly supports rural development goals by strengthening local infrastructure, promoting community resilience, and enhancing access to vital services.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly improves government efficiency, public safety, and access to essential services in a rural, underserved community. By replacing outdated and fragmented buildings with a centralized, modern Village Hall, the investment reduces long-term operational costs, streamlines service delivery, and improves accessibility for residents. Housing key departments and a properly equipped police department under one roof ensures better coordination, faster response times, and safer, more inclusive public spaces. The facility also supports civic engagement and emergency preparedness.

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