

The Honorable Sarah McBride
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on Europe
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& Intelligence
House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,569,825 for the Regional Fire Company Facility and Equipment Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Town of Dewey Beach, DE, located at 105 Rodney Ave, Dewey Beach, DE 19971.

The funding would be used to fund capital improvements to fire stations and purchase firefighter safety and protective equipment for three volunteer fire companies to strengthen regional public safety infrastructure that protects residents, businesses, and the coastal economy across Dewey Beach and the Angola Region.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses deferred infrastructure needs that local volunteer fire departments cannot finance through operating budgets or fundraising alone, while strengthening the reliability of emergency response systems that protect homes, businesses, and tourism assets. Reliable fire and EMS protection is essential to sustaining economic activity throughout Sussex County, one of the fastest-growing regions in the country.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride', written in a cursive style.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress