

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Thomas Di Nanno
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
400 C Street SW, 3 N
Washington, DC 20472-3653

Dear Assistant Administrator Nanno:

I am pleased to write in support of the Payette Rural Fire Department's application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant under their Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The Payette Rural Fire Department is in Payette County, Idaho. They are near the border of Oregon and are 60 miles from Boise, Idaho. The Payette Rural Fire Department provides emergency response services to a population of 8,900 permanent residents and 150 square miles that are in three counties and two different states. The Fire Department has 25 members and responds to 120 emergencies each year.

The Payette Rural Fire Department has requested two grants to provide critical upgrades for the Payette Fire Department. The first grant would assist the Payette Rural Fire Department replace their only pumper which has been in use for over 24 years. The pumper is the primary response vehicle for the department and is utilized in every incident. This simple request would provide a reasonable and necessary upgrade to assist the people of Idaho purchase basic equipment and supplement the rural Department's limited budget.

The second grant would purchase battery powered hydraulic extrication equipment and a stabilization kit for the Department. After conducting a risk assessment, they determined a need to own a battery powered hydraulic extension to assist during motor vehicle accidents. This addition to the Department would save lives by providing updated equipment assist with victim extractions from motor vehicles.

I respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the Payette Rural Fire Department.

Sincerely,



Russ Fulcher
Member of Congress