

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4007

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of North Myrtle Beach, SC Emergency Operations Center Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of North Myrtle Beach, located at 1018 2nd Avenue South, North Myrtle Beach, SC, 29582. The funding would allow for the construction of a comprehensive Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in North Myrtle Beach, SC to service severe weather and disaster mitigation, widely attended events, and other various incidents that require EOC activation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help coordinate communications and support to an area that is prone to natural disasters. The EOC will increase public safety during times of hurricanes and tropical storms, isolated severe weather events, and other large-scale events. The center will be strategically located near the distribution of calls it receives. It will also be built on high ground to mitigate threats from tidal surges and severe wind, and to be more optimally situated during hurricanes and flooding.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress