



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

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$6,568,125 in funding for the San Miguel Fire Department Emergency Operations Center project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Miguel Community Services District, located at 1765 Bonita Place, San Miguel CA, 93451. The project will be located at the San Miguel Fire Department (1150 Mission Street, San Miguel, CA 93451).

The funding would be used to build and establish an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This Center would be located within the San Miguel Fire Department located at the northern most point of San Luis Obispo County. This EOC will be available to multiple agencies when responding to natural or man-made disasters at the north end of the county. The EOC will provide the space necessary for management and tactical activities to apply resources on scene; incident support for operational and strategic coordination, including resource acquisition, information gathering, analysis and sharing; and adequate space for outreach and communication with the media and public to keep them informed about any ongoing incident.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public safety is a primary concern for this area and the availability of an EOC would provide a critical asset to the District, County, State, and local stakeholders in the event of an emergency.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress