



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**  
**Jimmy Panetta**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
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 Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3 million in funding for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Seaside located at 440 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, Calif. 93955.

The project would support construction of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower, a multi-story firefighter training facility located adjacent to the future seaside Fire Station No. 2. The tower will support firefighter and emergency response training throughout the Monterey County and Central Coast.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it fills a major regional gap in training infrastructure at a time when fire severity and disaster risks are increasing. The new tower will strengthen mutual-aid readiness, improve coordinated multi-agency response, and help ensure that firefighters have the hands-on, scenario-based training needed to protect communities efficiently and safely.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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