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April 3, 2025

The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Warren
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: CDS Certification Letter for the Town of Southampton

The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Edward Markey:

I certify that as head of the requesting organization (Town of Southampton) the information provided herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any request for federal project-specific funding is made in accordance with the applicable rules, fiduciary requirements, and by-laws of the organization. Furthermore, I understand that budgetary constraints facing the federal government limit the opportunities for direct funding to particular initiatives and that submitting a request does not guarantee the award of federal funding.

Additionally, I understand that this application is for organizations (or units of local government) to make requests for funding levels of existing federal programs; submit requested legislative or report language and/or request funding for specific projects within an existing federal program. I understand that all proposals will be subject to considerable scrutiny and will compete with other requests from across Massachusetts. I understand that the federal government may audit any project for which funding is sought. Finally, I understand that the information provided in this form may be disclosed to the public in part or in its entirety, including on Senator Warren and Markey's website.

Sincerely,

Scott Szczebak
Town Administrator

Cc: Select Board

FY2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests - Sen. Elizabeth Warren & Sen. Ed Markey (Southampton Public Safety Complex)

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* *indicates a required field.*

Section 1. Requesting Entity Information

1. **Legal Name of Submitting Organization (the grant recipient)** *
   This information will appear in public disclosures.

   Town of Southampton

2. **Name and Title of Head of Organization / Department / Agency** *

   Scott Szczebak, Town Administrator

3. **Submitting Organization Point of Contact Name** *
   Please list an appropriate contact to direct any follow-up regarding the organization's request. Lobbyists are not eligible to be points of contact.

   Scott Szczebak

4. **Organization Phone Number** *

   413-529-0106

5. **Organization Email Address** *

   sszczebak@townofsouthampton.org

6. **Organization Mailing Address Line 1** *

   210 College Highway

7. **Organization Mailing Address Line 2**

   Suite 7

8. **Organization Mailing City** *

   Southampton

9. **Organization Mailing County** *

   Hampshire County

10. **Organization Mailing Zip Code** *

    01073

11. **What type of entity is your organization** *
    Please note that for-profit organizations are not eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending.

    Local Government

12. **Tax Identification Number** *
    Please note that not-for-profit entities are required to provide their Tax Identification Number in order to receive federal funding. Do not put 000000000 or your project will not be funded.

    046001304

13. **Does the requesting entity retain federally registered lobbying representation?** *

    No

13.1 Lobbying Firm Name

No answer.

13.2 Principal Lobbyist Name

No answer.

13.3 Principal Lobbyist Email

No answer.

13.4 Principal Lobbyist Phone

No answer.

14. How many CDS requests is your organization submitting? *

1

15. Priority Ranking of Proposal *

If only one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1. Please note that it will be very challenging to fund multiple proposals per submitting entity.

1

16. Is this request being submitted to another member of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation? *

Our offices work closely with our House partners to maximize funding opportunities for Massachusetts entities. Senators Warren and Markey jointly submit funding requests. Submitting an identical project proposal to your representative in the House of Representatives is strongly encouraged.

No

16.1 Which members?

No answer.

17. Has the requesting entity received direct federal funding within the last five years? *

No

17.1 List all federal funding awards

No answer.

18. Was this project request submitted to Senator Warren and/or Senator Markey in the FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Process? *

Yes

19. Has the entity or project received congressionally directed funding in the past? *

No

19.1 Please identify previous funding, the project, and the Fiscal Year in which funding was received..

No answer.

Section 2. Project Information

1. **Name of Project** *

This should be only a few words. This information will appear in public disclosures, including Senator Warren and Senator Markey's websites as required by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Southampton Public Safety Complex Pre-Construction

2. **Project Website** *
   If a project-specific website isn't available, please provide the organization's website as an alternative. However, a project website is required for several appropriations accounts, and we strongly encourage you to create a website for your request.

   https://www.townofsouthampton.org/government/boards-and-committees/public-safety-building-committee

3. **Congressionally Directed Spending Requested Amount** *
   No commas, decimals or numbers with leading zeros.

   800000

4. **Project Purpose** *
   This should be a short description of your project's purpose (1-2 sentences). This information will appear in public disclosures, including Senator Warren and Senator Markey's websites as required by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

   Southampton intends to build a public safety complex to house its fire/EMS and police departments that are now located in separate antiquated buildings dating back to the late 1800s. Even with improvements made over the years, these structures lack appropriate functional space and ventilation for its first responders.

5. **Itemized Budget Statement** *
   Fully describe and justify the request, including a detailed budget and funding summary, including why the request is an appropriate use of federal taxpayer dollars, other sources of funding, and any other specific information requested by the subcommittee in their guidance. **Please be as specific as possible when providing a detailed explanation for what each budget item will be used for, and how it relates to the overall purpose of the project.**

   Example:

   - Expense 1: $100,000, for X purpose
   - Expense 2: $50,000, for X purpose
   - Expense 3: $500,000, for X purpose
   - TOTAL: $650,000, for X purpose

   Expense: $800,000 for hiring an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) as required by state law.

   This amount is 25% of the required amount for this pre-construction phase ($3.2 million) of the project which, with the OPM, will engage architectural services to undertake necessary permitting and develop detailed drawings of the facility, per the design feasibility recommendations and take this public safety building project to a shovel-ready stage.

6. **Total Cost of the Project** *
   Please enter a dollar amount.

   32000000

7. **Justification Statement** *
   Fully justify the request, including why the request is an appropriate use of federal taxpayer dollars, the project's importance to Massachusetts, the project's importance to the local community, and the specific information requested by the subcommittee in their guidance.

   This project has been identified as a critical need for Southampton for at least a decade. As a small but growing community of 6,200 residents. As a municipality we need to respond effectively to people's expectations when they are faced with an emergency that threatens their well-being, property or security. At present, firetrucks themselves barely fit in the narrow bays, requiring uniformed firefighters to climb into the apparatus after it pulls out into the driveway. There is no sufficient clearance for personnel or storage and of gear and medical supplies and this situation hinders rapid deployment and could jeopardize any rescue operations. There is no proper ventilation in the station to protect the health of our 45 person on-call roster. Equally the police department, operating in a basement of the old town hall, does not have proper space for its required operations. The space doesn't comply with building codes and both facilities strain the town's limited funds with needs for major building upkeep such as roofing or boiler repairs. This reality confirms what the previous State Auditor reported on the state of municipal infrastructure, especially in Western Mass,. and the urgent need for investment. Its the responsibility of local government to provide quality services for its residents and ensure their well-being. A modern public safety building plays a role in attracting qualified and committed staff to meet that expectation.

8. **List any entities or organizations partnering or supporting the project.** *

   The town's Select Board, Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Safety Building Committee are in full support of this project. State Senator John Velis and State Representative Kelly Pease have also been supportive and have obtained funding from the Governor's to partially cover the costs of the building's feasibility study.

9. **Project City** *

   Southampton

10. Project Zip Code *

01073

11. Project County *

Hampshire County

12. Is this a one-time request for Congressionally Directed Support *
Please note that multi-year earmarks are not eligible for funding.

Yes

13. What is the minimum dollar amount needed to begin or sustain this project in the event the Committee cannot provide the full amount requested? *
Please enter a dollar amount.

500000

14. If you receive congressionally directed spending, will further funding be needed for this project that has not yet been secured? *

Yes

14.1 Please list the amount still needed to complete the project.
Please enter a dollar amount

2400000

15. Has the requesting organization failed to adequately manage or execute a prior federal funding award (including for the project being requested here)? *

No

15.1 If yes, explain below.

No answer.

Section 3. Account & Eligibility Information

Guidance

Please note that per Senate Appropriations Committee rules, CDS requests may only solicit funding from ONE subcommittee account per project. Please only reply "Yes" for one of the first nine questions, selecting the bill from which you are seeking funding.

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1. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and Rural Development bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

Yes

1.1 Please identify which account.

Rural Development, Community Facilities grants

2. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Commerce, Justice, Science bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

2.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

3. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Energy & Water Development bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

3.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

4. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Financial Services and General Government bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

4.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

5. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Homeland Security bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

5.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

5.2 For Pre-disaster Mitigation Projects, is one of your required letters of support from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency?
All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

No answer.

6. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

6.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

6.2 For Clean Water or Drinking Water projects, is your project on the Intended Use Plan?
The Appropriations Committee will accept CDS requests for local and/or municipal projects included on a state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP). The Subcommittee may consider projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines (see guidance), but are not on the state IUP list.

No answer.

7. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

7.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

8. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies bill?** *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

8.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

9. Is this proposal for funds available in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill? *
Subcommittee Guidance

No

9.1 Please identify which account.

No answer.

9.2 If applicable, provide a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes the requested project
For Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) or Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) projects, applicants are required to provide a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes the requested project

No answer.

10. Please tell us how this project meets the eligibility requirements of the subcommittee and account. *
CDS Guidance criteria can be found here. It is critical that applicants follow all subcommittee guidance and criteria in order to be eligible for funding. Ineligible and/or incomplete requests will not be funded by the Appropriations Committee.

Per the 2020 Census, Southampton's population is 6,145 and with the stated criteria, the Community Facilities grant can cover up to 55% of project costs. We understand there may be a match requirement.

11. Is this a construction project? *
Please note that very few subcommittee accounts can be used for construction. In nearly all circumstances, reimbursement of CDS funds is considered ineligible. The date at which recipients receive CDS funding varies by federal agency, but the formal process of disbursement has historically started 1-2 months after the date of enactment with actual disbursement occurring several months thereafter. You must verify that you selected an appropriate subcommittee account that can be used for construction and that your request meets all of the subcommittee's criteria.

No

11.1 Estimated start and finish date?

No answer.

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The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Edward Markey:

The Southampton Select Board is in strong support of the request for funds towards the architectural design work for a Public Safety Complex through the FY26 Congressional Directed Funds Request. We recognize that there will be several steps to undertake to complete this large-scale and costly building project that is long overdue. We firmly believe, however, that this is essential to the health and safety of our community, and there is widespread public support for this initiative.

Our current Police and Fire Departments are located in separate antiquated buildings. They are far from meeting modern standards for building codes and accessibility and provide inadequate work environments for proper employee health, safety and training.

Having undertaken a Public Safety Building Feasibility Study, we have determined spatial needs for functionality and considered conceptual designs. We have identified the most favorable location for such a facility, central to town, and have concluded site acquisition. With continual cost escalation for projects such as this, we need to immediately secure funds for pre-construction planning and request your assistance in doing so. We are committed to advancing this project for the benefit of our community and for our emergency responders.

Perhaps the most important duty of our Board is to take action to protect and support our residents. Public Safety involves working at all levels: local, state, and federal, to keep our communities safe. We appreciate and depend on this partnership that is essential for a small rural town with limited resources. The Town of Southampton would be grateful for funding through the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Program.
Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Christine S. Fowles
Select Board Chair

CC: Select Board
Public Safety Building Committee

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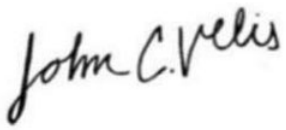
I write to you all today to express my support for the Town of Southampton's application for the Community Facilities Grant program. Federal funding from this important grant program will help the town begin architectural design work, which is a necessary pre-construction activity for a new public safety complex in Southampton.

The public safety infrastructure in the Town of Southampton is in desperate need of significant investments. Currently, the fire station is housed in a brick building that was originally built as a school in 1863. The police station, located in the basement of the original town hall was built in 1904. Although the departments have both received modest updates over the years, these buildings lack the necessary space, ventilation, and security needed for these town departments. Additionally, these buildings do not comply with current building codes and cannot adequately home these essential departments. If received, this federal funding would allow the Town to pursue their goal of a new public safety complex for both departments.

Creating a new and modern facility is essential for the Town of Southampton and the operations of these departments. I have been proud to support this initiative on the state level, and I will continue to do so however I can. However, additional funding is necessary to make this project a reality.

Thank you for your consideration of this fundamental project for the Town of Southampton. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



John C. Velis
Massachusetts State Senator
Hampden and Hampshire District