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April 3, 2024

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

The Honorable Edward Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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) that 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

Scott Szczebak
Town Administrator

Cc: Select Board

FY2025 Congressional Directed Spending Requests - Offices of Senators Warren & 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** *

   townadministrator@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? *

Yes

17.1 List all federal funding awards

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG)

CARES ACT (Coronavirus Relief Program)

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)

18. Was this project request submitted to Senator Warren and/or Senator Markey in the FY2024 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 Design

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.

   The public safety building committee has its own page on the Town's website:
   https://www.townofsouthampton.org/government/boards-and-committees/public-safety-building-committee

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

   1300000

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.

   The Town of Southampton requests funds for architectural design and development of construction bid-ready documents for a new public safety complex. The goal is to develop a modern, functional public safety facility that is ADA and building code-compliant and that provides a healthy work environment for our 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.

   Example:

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

   Selected Site Surveying/Environmental Assessment (21E): $250,000

   Detailed Architectural Drawings: $850,000

   Permitting: MEPA, NESHP etc.: $250,000

   Production of Bid-Ready Construction Documents: $450,000

   TOTAL = $1800000

   The Town is working to identify other State and Federal Grant funding sources to complete this critical pre-construction phase and may have to result in an override and debt exclusion question being put before the Town voters for any remaining balance. One of the next activities will be to identify an OPM) Owner's Project Manager and issue an RFQ for a qualified architectural design firm to carry out the above listed tasks. The firm would carry out all tasks usually found in this phase starting with reviewing the location to develop an understanding of building and zoning regulations. Schematic design work begins to lay out the various interior spaces and defines their relationship for easy access, traffic flow and overall functionality. Initial drawings are produced that show shapes and sizes of the various features. The design development phase will include researching options and selecting materials from windows to carpets, furnishings and appliances. Drawings get more detailed and work continues to identify essential utilities, such as plumbing/septic, electrical and heating/cooling. Green design options for heating/cooling, use of solar energy would be finalized. Once agreed-upon, a 3D rendering of the facility will be provided. Pre-construction drawings in sufficient detail for various stages of construction would then be put out for bid. Any required permits from State agencies, particularly from the EPA and DOT would be obtained at this time.

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

   28000000

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.

The current fire station is housed in a former schoolhouse built in 1863 and re-modeled over the decades. The police department works in the basement of the former town hall built in 1904. Even with improvements over the years, both structures are deteriorating, lack appropriate space, ventilation and security. A feasibility study and site location are being concluded and the next step is carrying out architectural design, permitting and bid-ready construction documents for a public safety complex. A modern facility will support economic development by enhancing the desirability of Southampton as a place to live and do business. Every community faces emergencies that threaten people's life, well-being, property and sense of security. Residents expect quick and effective response in such instances in spite of the challenges of being in a rural community, one featuring some narrow dirt roads and lack of hydrant availability. This project is a high priority for this growing town of some 6200 people. Fire trucks and ambulances barely fit in the apparatus bays, and don't leave clearance for easy movement of uniformed firefighters. Storage for gear and medical supplies is woefully lacking and adequate ventilation in the station can affect the health of our 45-person on call paramedic, EMT and firefighter roster. Overall, the situation can hinder rapid deployment and could jeopardize rescue operations. Equally, the police station does not comply with current building codes or police facility standards for security. Our police force works in sub-standard conditions having converted available space for a communications area, an interview and booking room and a holding cell. Evidence lockers and storage are inadequate for their needs. Current working conditions challenge staff retention and workplace satisfaction. The state of both facilities creates potential liability for the town and each year, more of our limited budgetary resources need to be allocated for such projects as roof repair, heating/cooling and boiler repair. Housing emergency departments in one facility, incorporating green design features where appropriate and affordable, will ensure proper working conditions and cost-efficient, operational sustainability for many years to come. The critical need to replace the current facilities has existed for many years but funding resources have historically prohibited this project from moving forward. A recent municipal study from the former State Auditor's office focused on the state of public infrastructure in Western Mass. It outlined many of the challenges Southampton is experiencing and highlights the critical importance of investing in essential services for our communities. It is the responsibility of government to ensure the well-being of its citizens and a modern, functional public safety complex plays an essential role in fulfilling that obligation.

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

The Town of Southampton's Select Board, Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Safety Building Committee are in strong support of this project. In 2022 and 2023, State Senator Velis has been able to obtain earmarks from the Governor's budget of some $85,000 to fund a feasibility study. Town residents are aware of the inadequacy of the current facilities and the urgency to move forward with this project design.

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.

850000

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

1500000

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.

The Town of Southampton, a rural community in Western MA. with a population of approximately 6200 persons is applying under the Agriculture program opportunity; specifically we are eligible for the Rural Development Community Facilities Grant program. Should we be successful in being awarded funding for the architectural design, permitting and production of bid-ready construction documents for our public safety complex, the Town of Southampton understands and is committed to providing the required match of up to 55% of these federal funds. We anticipate beginning this design project effort in early fall of 2024 and intend to conclude these steps within a 12 month timeframe.

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 FY25 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 will soon conclude 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 FY25 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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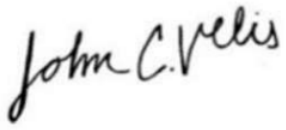
I write to you all today to express my support for the Town of Southampton's application for the Community Facilities Grant program. Federal funding from this important grant program will help the town begin architectural design work, which is a necessary pre-construction activity for a new public safety 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