TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

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March 14, 2023

The Honorable Ed Markey
975 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA. 02203

Re: CDS certification letter Town of Southampton

Dear Senator 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 bylaws 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 Markey's website.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Gibson
Town Administrator/CFO

cc: Select Board
File

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Office of Senator Warren - FY2024 Congressional Directed Spending Requests (Southampton Public Safety Complex)

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* *indicates a required field.*

Section 1. Requesting Entity Information

1. **Name of Project** *

   Southampton Public Safety Complex

2. **Legal Name of Submitting Organization** *
   This information will appear in public disclosures.

   Town of Southampton

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

   Edward Gibson, Town Administrator

4. **Organization Mailing Address Line 1** *

   210 College Highway

5. **Organization Mailing Address Line 2**

   Suite 7

6. **Organization Mailing City** *

   Southampton

7. **Organization Mailing County** *

   Hampden County

8. **Organization Mailing Zip Code** *

   01073

9. **Is the organization a not-for-profit entity?** *
   Please note that for-profit organizations are not eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending.

   Yes

10. **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

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

    1

12. **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

13. **Congressionally Directed Spending Request Amount** *
    Please enter a dollar amount.

    750000

14. Total Cost of the Project *

Please enter a dollar amount.

1500000

15. Is this a construction project? *

Please note that very few subcommittee accounts can be used for construction. 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

16. Project Purpose *

This should be a short description of your project's purpose. This information will appear in public disclosures.

The Town of Southampton is seeking to build a new Public Safety Complex to house the fire/EMS and police departments as well as dispatch communications to support the needs of this growing community. The goal is to replace the current outdated and inadequate facilities. The fire station is housed in the old schoolhouse, which was built in 1863. The police station is housed in the basement of the original town hall built in 1904. Even with improvements made over time, these structures are deteriorating. They lack appropriate space, ventilation and security, and need significant structural repairs to comply with current ADA and other building codes. Neither facility has an adequate or healthy working environment for the Town's first responders. At the conclusion of the current feasibility stage, the final location will be determined. This funding request is for the next phase of engineering for the future public safety complex going from pre-design, to site surveying, required permitting, detailed architectural design and bid-ready construction documents.

17. Justification Statement *

Fully describe and justify the request, including why the request is an appropriate use of federal taxpayer dollars and the specific information requested by the subcommittee.

Development of a modern public safety complex 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. Many people expect quick and effective response in such instances, but don't really understand the complexity and challenges involved. The project is critical for this small but growing town of some 6,200 residents. The fire trucks barely fit in the apparatus bays and don't leave sufficient clearance for personnel movement and storage, nor is there proper ventilation to protect the health of our 45-person on-call firefighter, EMT and paramedic roster. This situation can hinder rapid deployment and could jeopardize any rescue operations. Equally, the police station does not comply with current building codes or police facility standards. The station houses the Town's emergency communications and serves as the Emergency Operations Center during large-scale emergency events. Its 10 full-time officers and 4 dispatchers, as well as the 13 part-time personnel, work in sub-standard conditions. The state of both facilities creates potential liability for the town and each year, more of the town's limited budgetary resources need to be allocated for such projects as roof repair and heating/cooling and boiler repair. The goal is to house dispatch and emergency services in one facility, while ensuring proper working conditions, and cost-efficient, operational sustainability for many years to come.

18. Is this a one-time request for Congressional Directed Support and will the CDS funding be spent in FY2024? *

Please note that multi-year earmarks are not eligible for funding.

Yes

19. Is additional federal funding required, beyond the sources identified in the budget submitted? When and how will the project become self-sustaining? *

The Town is seeking other State grant funds for this pre-construction phase of the project. Funding from the Governor's budget and a portion of the Town's American Rescue Plan funds (ARPA) allocation have been directed towards the current feasibility study. Southampton's ad hoc Grant Committee is assisting the Public Safety Building Committee to identify other appropriate sources of funding and complete applications. These include the State's One Stop grant program through the Rural and Small Town Development Fund and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. We are exploring any appropriate Federal funding especially through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as well as USDA's Community Facilities program and will work to meet application deadlines if eligible. Given the magnitude of this undertaking, the eventual construction of the public safety complex would not begin before 2025 and will be a multi-million dollar effort requiring a capital campaign, support of the Town's voters, and likely some sort of debt financing. Once the building is constructed, the Police and Fire departments will continue to be a part of the Town's annual budget process and on-going operating and maintenance expenses of the facility will be addressed there. With a new facility and modern specifications such as green energy design features, including possible use of solar, there will be a resulting significant measure of cost-savings and sustainability.

20. Was this request submitted to another member of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation? *

Our office works closely with our Congressional partners to maximize funding opportunities for Massachusetts entities. Senators Warren and Markey jointly submit funding requests. We strongly encourage you to submit your request to both senators.

Yes

20.1 Which members?

Senator Ed Markey,

21. Was this project request submitted to Senator Warren and/or Senator Markey in the FY2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Process? *

No

22. Did this project receive congressionally directed funding in FY2023? *

No

22.1 Please list the relevant Senate Appropriations bill and the allocated amount of funding.

No answer.

Section 2. Massachusetts and National Benefits

1. **Please provide a description of the request's importance to Massachusetts and/or the local community.** *

   Southampton Police and Fire/EMS provide services for some 6,200 residents of Southampton, as well as mutual aid for several surrounding communities. The role of community policing has evolved over time. Southampton has implemented an elderly safety check program due to demand, and the number of mental health related assistance visits continues to increase over time. In addition, many town citizens and committees have come forward advocating for a solution that will centralize public safety resources for the community, and employees are requesting the same.

   The critical need to replace the police station and fire department has existed for many years, and both facilities are beyond the scope of patchwork repairs. Funding resources have historically prohibited this project from moving forward, but the need is now pressing. The police department is housed in the basement of the original town hall which was constructed in 1904. The building lacks appropriate security measures, does not comply with current building codes or police standards and would be nearly impossible to adapt to current requirements. Accessibility of these facilities is also limited. The fire department is based in an 1863 schoolhouse and poses similar challenges. The building has been modified several times over the decades in order to adapt to the growing needs of the community. The building poses hazards to the 45 on-call personnel due to inadequate ventilation, and facilities for staff are in disrepair. External trailers are needed to store additional equipment due to insufficient space. Current working conditions challenge staff retention and workplace satisfaction. The cost of rehabilitating the current spaces is prohibitive and does not provide a long-term solution for the public safety needs of the town.

   A recent Municipal Impact Study from the State Auditor's office focused on the state of public infrastructure in Western Mass. It outlines many of the challenges Southampton is experiencing and highlights the critical importance of investing in sound community infrastructure. The study particularly noted the deficiencies and lack of investment in public safety buildings. Aside from police/fire departments now needing more specialized equipment and adequate space to work and train, it was noted that fire equipment itself has become larger over time and has frequently outgrown its allocated space. Southampton residents support the regional economy by working in neighboring towns with more opportunities, yet they are attracted to the Town's rural character, central location, excellent school system and the overall safety of the community. We can't afford to take that for granted. Providing high-quality emergency services is a high priority for the town, especially during extreme weather events. The inadequacy of the current fire and police facilities in Southampton jeopardizes the safety of the town's residents. It is the responsibility of government to ensure the well-being of its citizens; a modern public safety complex plays an essential role in fulfilling that duty.

2. **Please list any entities or organizations partnering in or supporting the project.** *

   The Town of Southampton's Select Board, the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Public Safety Complex Building Committee are in strong support of this project. This past year, State Senator John Velis and State Representative Kelly Pease obtained an allocation of $50,000 from the Governor's budget as a portion of funding needed for the feasibility study. Town residents are aware of the critical need for this facility project to move forward.

Section 3. Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests

Full 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.

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.

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.

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.

10. Justification and 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, and any other specific information requested by the subcommittee in their guidance.

This funding request will begin to enact the recommendations made in the feasibility study that will be completed in the first quarter of FY 24. Funds will be used to engage a firm to undertake further pre-construction activities in 2024. These will include site surveying, detailed architectural design, engineering and required permitting, all to conclude with bid-ready documents for the actual construction.

Supporting the public safety needs of Southampton and surrounding communities through mutual aid is an excellent and appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Southampton's police and fire staff are highly regarded by the people they serve. Equipping them with adequate facilities, while centralizing dispatch services, is a sustainable solution for decades to come. Well-designed police and fire facilities enable staff to perform their duties efficiently, effectively, and securely. Workforce shortages have strained operating budgets due to incurred operating costs, further complicated by unanticipated repair costs to the existing aged facilities. Improving working conditions for these essential employees will improve the safety of employees, impact staff retention and improve delivery of services. With climate resiliency initiatives being a priority at all levels of government, the proposed consolidation of the two facilities into one facility will be able to adequately explore and address energy efficiencies in the facility design. This will improve Southampton's climate resiliency efforts and enable public safety personnel to better respond to hazardous events.

A public safety complex would directly benefit Southampton taxpayers, and thus would be an inherently proper use of federal funds. It is the government's role to help protect people, and certainly all Southampton residents would be better protected with updated fire and police facilities that meet modern standards.

11. Project Website

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

www.townofsouthampton.org

12. Does this project meet the necessary criteria as outlined in the relevant CDS Subcommittee Guidance? *

CDS Subcommittee 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.

Yes

Section 4. Location of the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Activity

1. **Project City** *

   Southampton

2. **Project State** *

   A project must at least be partially located in Massachusetts for Senator Warren to consider the request.

   MA

3. **Project Zip Code** *

   01073

4. **Project Country** *

   USA

Section 5. Submitting Organization Point of Contact Information

1. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Name** *
   Please note lobbyists are not eligible to be points of contact.

   Christine Fowles

2. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Title** *

   Select Board Chair

3. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Phone** *
   If possible, please provide a mobile number.

   4135884471

4. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Email Address** *

   cfowles@townofsouthampton.org

5. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Mailing Address Line 1** *

   210 College Highway

6. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Mailing Address Line 2**

   Suite 7

7. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) City** *

   Southampton

8. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) State** *

   MA

9. **Submitting Organization Point Of Contact (POC) Zip Code** *

   01073

Senator Edward J. Markey FY2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request (Southampton Public Safety Complex)

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Section 1. Requesting Entity

1. **Name of Entity** *
   Please note that for-profit entities are not permitted to receive congressionally directed spending items

   Town of Southampton

2. **Organizational Designation** *
   Is the requesting organization a non-profit, for-profit, state government, or local government entity?

   Local Government

3. **Non-Profit EIN**
   If a non-profit, provide the organization's Employer Identification Number.

   046001304

4. **Address Line 1** *

   210 College Highway

5. **Address Line 2**

   Suite 7

6. **City** *

   Southampton

7. **State** *

   MA

8. **Zip Code** *

   01073

9. **Priority Ranking of Proposal (if multiple proposals are being submitted)** *
   If only one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1.

   1

10. **Has/will this request be submitted to other Members of Congress?** *

    Yes

10.1 Member Contact Information

For each Member, provide the following:

- Member Name
- State
- Staff Point of Contact
  - Email
  - Phone

Senator Elizabeth Warren

Massachusetts

Chris Gongora | Regional Director for Western Massachusetts

Chris_Gongora@warren.senate.gov

Cell: 857-288-9490

Section 2. Bill and Account Specific Information

1. **Is this proposal for funds available inthe Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and Rural Development bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account, and note that some accounts include a matching requirement where applicable.

   Yes

   1.1 Please identify which account

   Rural Development, Community Facilities grants (match required)

2. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Commerce, Justice, Science bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account.

   No

   2.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

3. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Energy & Water Development bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account, and note that some accounts include a cost sharing requirement where applicable.

   No

   3.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

4. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Financial Services and General Government bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account.

   No

   4.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

5. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Homeland Security bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account.

   No

   5.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

   5.2 Acknowledgement - state agency letter of support
   Proposals considered under the Homeland Security subcommittee **must** be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible. Please:

   1) Enter the name of the issuing state agency in the answer space below

   2) Attach this letter at the end of your application

   No answer.

6. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Interior, Environment bill?** *
   Please carefully review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account, and note that some accounts include a matching requirement where applicable.

   For many of these accounts, the Interior subcommittee is requiring detailed questions to be answered in a specific numbered format. You **must** answer all of the required questions exactly as they are written for consideration on question 13 of the next page of the questionnaire.

   No

   6.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

7. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account, and note that except where specifically authorized and noted, CDS cannot be used for construction.

   No

   7.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

8. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account.

   No

   8.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

9. **Is this proposal for funds available in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill?** *
   Please review the list of all eligible subcommittee accounts and their requirements here. Ensure that your request fully meets the requirements of the account, and note that many of the transportation-related accounts include a requirement that the project is listed on either the STIP or TIP list or be otherwise validated by the state.

   No

   9.1 Please identify which account

   No answer.

9.2 Is the request being submitted to the Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP), Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG), or Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program (CRISI) accounts?

No answer.

9.3 NOTE: If you answered yes to question 9.2, you MUST provide a link here to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), or State Rail Plan.
OR you may provide a letter from MassDOT confirming that:

(1) the project is eligible for Federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code;

(2) the State DOT is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and

(3) the State DOT will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.

Enter the website and cite the relevant page number below, or attach your letter from MassDOT to the end of the application.

No answer.

10. Does this project meet the necessary criteria for certain accounts as outlined in the list of eligible CDS accounts? *
account criteria here:

Yes

Section 3. Request Information

1. **Name of Proposal** *

   Southampton Public Safety Complex

2. **Congressionally Directed Spending Request ($)** *
   no commas, decimals or numbers with leading zeros

   750000

3. **Brief Description of Proposal** *
   Enter a brief summary (100 words or less) of the item/project

   The Town of Southampton is seeking to build a new Public Safety Complex to house the fire/EMS and police departments as well as dispatch communications to support the needs of this growing community. The goal is to replace the two current outdated and inadequate facilities built more than 100 years ago. These structures are deteriorating and lack appropriate space, ventilation and security. Neither facility has an adequate or healthy working environment for the Town's first responders. This request is for engineering tasks related to the future public safety complex: site surveying and preparing detailed architectural design and construction bid-ready documents.

4. **Description of Importance to Massachusetts** *

Although the need for a modern public safety complex was identified as a priority some ten years ago, funding resources have historically prohibited this project from moving forward. The police department is housed in the basement of the original town hall which was constructed in 1904. The building lacks appropriate security measures, does not comply with current building codes or police facility standards, and would be nearly impossible to adapt to current requirements. Accessibility of these facilities is also limited. The fire department lies in an 1863 schoolhouse and poses similar challenges. The building has been modified several times over the decades in order to adapt to the growing needs of the community. The building poses hazards to the 45 on-call personnel due to inadequate ventilation and facilities for staff are insufficient or in disrepair. External trailers are needed to store additional equipment due to space limitations. Current working conditions challenge staff retention and workplace satisfaction.

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5. **Description of Benefit to Local Community** *

Southampton Police and Fire/EMS provide services for some 6,200 residents of Southampton, as well as mutual aid for several surrounding communities in times of emergency events. The role of community policing has evolved over time. Southampton has implemented an elderly safety check program due to demand, and the number of mental health related assistance visits continues to increase over time. In addition, many town citizens and committees have come forward advocating for a solution that will centralize public safety resources for the community, and employees are requesting the same. The critical need to relocate the police station and fire department has existed for many years as both facilities are beyond the scope of patchwork repairs. The cost of rehabilitating the current spaces is prohibitive and does not provide a long-term solution for the public safety needs of the town. The inadequacy of the current fire and police facilities in Southampton jeopardizes the safety of the town's residents. It is the responsibility of municipal government to ensure the well-being of its citizens; a modern public safety complex plays an essential role in fulfilling that duty.

6. **Budget Breakdown** *

Please provide a brief budget breakdown of the project, including the sources and amounts of non-federal matching funds.

Funding from the Governor's budget and a portion of the Town's American Rescue Plan funds (ARPA) allocation have already been directed towards the current feasibility study and conceptual design phase.

The subsequent pre-construction phase/design cost is estimated at $1,500,000 and will consist of surveying, permitting, preparation of architectural and engineering construction plans and construction bid-ready documents.

Southampton's Grant Search Committee is working to identify other appropriate sources of funding and complete grant applications. These include the State's One Stop grant program through the Rural and Small Town Development Fund and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. These requests will be in the $300-500,000 range given program criteria and Southampton's eligibility. We are also exploring any appropriate Federal funding especially through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as well as USDA's Community Facilities program and will work to meet application deadlines if we qualify.

7. **List Any Entities or Organizations Partnering in or Supporting the Project** *

The Town's Select Board, Fire and Police departments are working closely on this project alongside a volunteer Public Safety Building Committee. Last year, State Senator John Velis and Representative Kelly Pease were able to secure $50,000 in the Governor's budget to be used towards the feasibility study for this project. Town residents are acutely aware of the inadequacy of the current facilities and have been trying to find a cost-effective and appropriate solution for more than a decade.

8. **Three Concise Points to Justify Use of Congressionally Directed Spending** *

- The project is critical for this growing town of some 6,200 residents. The lack of resources to invest in a modern facility has exacerbated the problem over time, making for unsafe working conditions. This situation can hinder rapid deployment and could jeopardize any rescue operations.
- Each year, more of the town's very limited budgetary resources need to be allocated for routine maintenance and unexpected repairs of the current buildings.
- Development of a modern public safety complex will support economic development by enhancing the desirability of Southampton as a place to live and do business, now and in the future.

9. Additional Details

Optional. Enter any additional details here.

The Town is seeking other State grant funds for this pre-construction phase of the project. Given the magnitude of this undertaking, the eventual construction of the public safety complex would not begin before 2025 and will be a multi-million dollar effort requiring a capital campaign, support of the Town's voters, and likely some sort of debt financing. Once the building is constructed, the Police and Fire departments will continue to be a part of the Town's annual budget process and on-going operating and maintenance expenses of the facility will be addressed there. With a new facility and modern specifications related to things like green energy design features, including possible use of solar, there will be a significant measure of cost-savings and sustainability.

10. Organization Capacity *

Please describe the requesting organization's capacity to carry out the project, including references to prior similar projects.

Although this is a small community we have been very active in carrying out projects with leadership of our town department personnel. In particular, we have a small but dedicated team at the Highway Department who often is in the forefront of new initiatives. Additionally, we are also fortunate to have about ninety qualified residents who serve on Committees, Commissions and Boards without compensation. These individuals, many of whom serve on multiple committees, dedicate their energy, substantial time and expertise to carrying out a variety of responsibilities. Their work has helped us maximize opportunities that address our challenges. Some recent examples of our ability to carry out large projects are as follows:

- Working through the lengthy MassDOT process, contractors were able to begin demolition of the 89-year old bridge at the end of December 2021 and a new bridge was put in place 10 months later along this busy cross-town, commuter roadway.
- The decades-old plan to establish a bike trail following the railroad corridor was re-energized this year with acquisition of the railroad right of way. With the support of Community Preservation Funds and Mass Trails grants, the design for a 3.5 mile shared-used path is finally underway.
- Within the past five years, the town completed a Safe Routes to School project with MassDOT. We are planning to undertake a second project to extend that shared-use path thus providing a safer environment for students walking and biking to school. A feasibility study for a new Senior Center to meet the needs of an aging population is also in its final stages.

11. Jobs Created *

Will this initiative create jobs in Massachusetts?

No

11.1 Additional Information

Indicate how many jobs the project will create in Massachusetts and provide support for estimates.

No answer.

12. Jobs Sustained *

Will the requested funding sustain existing jobs in Massachusetts?

Yes

12.1 Additional Details

The Chief of the current police force oversees 10 full-time and 7 part-time officers along with a dispatch unit of 4 full-time and 6 part-time personnel. The fire department has the Chief as its only employee. The department's roster is comprised of 45 on-call firefighters, EMTs and paramedics. These are all employed in neighboring towns and Southampton is a second job for them. Providing expected advance life support services to town residents and staffing the two 10 and 14-hour shifts with at least one paramedic per shift is extremely difficult. In today's competitive market, especially post-COVID, recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is a continual challenge. Added to that is an inadequate, unsafe working environment. Well-designed police and fire facilities enable staff to perform their duties efficiently, effectively, and securely. Having a new public safety complex will improve morale and provide a welcoming workplace.

13. Additional Information Required by Subcommittee *

Please carefully review all requirements for your submission based on the account guidance here. If the account you are submitting under requires additional information, you must add that information here **exactly** as requested by the Subcommittee.

If the specified account does not require additional information, please confirm that in the text box below.

No specific information is requested by the Rural Development, Community Facilities Grant under the Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and Rural Development sub-committee. We have noted the match requirement for our population size.

Section 4. Funding History

1. **Prior Federal Funding** *
   Has the requesting entity received federal funding within the last five years?

   Yes

   1.1 **Previous Funding**
   Please list all federal funding awards that the requesting entity has received in the last five years (beginning in Fiscal Year 2017). Please only list awards that have been made to the specific requesting entity as opposed to any parent organization.

   If at any point the requesting entity has failed to adequately manage or execute a prior federal funding award, please indicate that as well.

   FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG)

   CARES ACT (Coronavirus Relief Program)

   ARPA (American Rescue Plan)

2. **Past Congressionally Directed Funding** *
   At any point in time, has the requesting entity received previous Congressionally Directed Funding?

   No

   2.1 **Previous Congressionally Directed Funding**
   Please identify what funding, the project, and the Fiscal Year in which funding was received.

   No answer.

3. **Does the requesting entity anticipate future year requests for additional Congressionally directed support?** *

   No

   3.1 **Is Additional Federal Funding Required? When and How Will the Project Become Self-Sustaining?**

   No answer.

4. **Certification** *
   The head of the requesting organization stipulates that the information provided herein is accurate and any request for federal project-specific funding is made in accordance with the applicable rules, fiduciary requirements, and bylaws of the organization.

   Yes

Section 5. Contact Information

1. **Full Name** *

   Christine S. Fowles

2. **Position** *

   Chair

3. **Department** *

   Select Board

4. **E-mail** *

   Cfowles@townofsouthampton.org

5. **Phone Number** *

   4135290106

6. **Does the requesting entity retain federally registered lobbying representation?** *
   Note: failure to disclose the representation by registered federal lobbyists will result in disqualification of the application.

   No

6.1 Retained Representation

Please list all federally registered lobbying firms retained by the requesting entity:

- Firm Name
- Principal Lobbyist
- Address
- Email
- Phone

No answer.

7. Agency/Service Program Sponsor *

Does the requested project have a sponsoring office or individual within a federal agency?

No

7.1 Full Name

No answer.

7.2 Position

No answer.

7.3 Agency

No answer.

7.4 Location

No answer.

7.5 E-mail

No answer.

7.6 Phone

No answer.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1020

Members of the Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development,

I am writing in Strong support of the Town of Southampton's application for the Rural Development, Community Facilities Grant. Southampton has needed a new public safety complex for years, as currently, both police and fire stations do not have enough space, ventilation, or security, and need major repairs.

Background of need:

- In 1948 the town voted that the current fire station be housed in a brick building, originally a school built in 1863. Renovations fifty years ago allowed for construction of garage bays and office space. The police station is housed in the basement of the original town hall built in 1904.

- Even with minimal improvements made over time, the structures lack appropriate space, ventilation and security and need significant facility repairs. Neither facility has an adequate or healthy working environment, and the intent is to house dispatch and all emergency services into one modern facility.

The project is critical, as the police station does not currently comply with building codes or police facility standards, and the fire trucks hardly fit in the bays, not leaving enough room for personnel movement or storage. They are currently in the site selection/analysis phase, and this grant would go towards the following steps of surveying, engineering, design, permitting etc. to get ready for construction.

This grant would help a significant enhancement to our community. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to a positive outcome to address this critical need.

Respectfully,

Kelly Pease

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State Representative- 4th Hampden District
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TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
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SELECT BOARD

March 15, 2023

The Honorable Ed Markey
975 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

Dear Senator Markey;

The Southampton Select Board is in strong support of the request for funds towards a Public Safety Complex through the FY24 Congressional Directed Funds Request. We recognize that there will be several steps to undertake in order to complete this large scale building project, but we firmly believe 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 and substandard buildings. They are inadequate to meet the current standards of employee safety, training and accommodations. We are currently undertaking a Public Safety Building Feasibility Study to determine potential sites and designs for a combined complex. Once this is completed, we will need to secure funds for pre-construction planning. 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 actions to protect and support our residents. Emergency Management involves working at all levels: local, state and federal, to keep our communities safe. We appreciate and depend on this partnership, especially in regards to public safety. The Town of Southampton would be grateful for funding through the FY24 Congressional Directed Funds Program. Thank you for your considering this request.

Sincerely,

Maureen Groden
Public Safety Building Feasibility Committee
Southampton Select Board

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The Honorable Senator Edward Markey
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The Honorable Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey:

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 construct a new public safety complex that is essential for the health and safety of our community.

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