



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Violent Crime Reduction Initiative project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Elizabeth City Police Department, located at:

305 E Main St
Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

The Elizabeth City Police Department (ECPD) would use \$440,000 for a Violent Crime Reduction Initiative, which would deploy and pilot law enforcement technologies, including a Regional Ballistics Processing Center for regional processing of ballistic evidence.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund investigative technologies that will combat rising violent crime in the greater region and deploy innovative technologies to eliminate inefficiencies in violent crime response and investigation. It will do so by purchasing a NIBIN processing system for shell casings, and the ECPD will spearhead the establishment of NIBIN and a Regional Ballistics Processing Center to assist law enforcement agencies throughout eastern North Carolina. This will eliminate costly and unnecessary travel to Raleigh that takes officers off patrol and compounds the strain on understaffed departments. It will also facilitate faster investigations and arrests for gun crimes, taking dangerous people off our streets faster.

The initiative will also deploy technologies such as acoustic threat detection (gunfire sensors), automated fingerprint systems, and mobile device extraction that will similarly eliminate unacceptable delays and inefficiency in response and investigation. The project would be a direct and substantial benefit to thousands of eastern North Carolinians across multiple jurisdictions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Davis", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Don Davis
Member of Congress