



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Disaster Response Accessibility Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Portland, located at 1221 SW Fourth Ave. Ste 410, Portland OR 97204.

The funding would be used to launch a confidential disability and additional needs registry for Portland and all of Multnomah County, enabling residents to share critical information with first responders for appropriate emergency assistance, including a disaster. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a cost-effective measure that will provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals in the case of a disaster.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Dexter'.

Maxine Dexter, MD
Member of Congress