

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-1501

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Aplington Protective Services Building as a community project in Fiscal Year 2026.

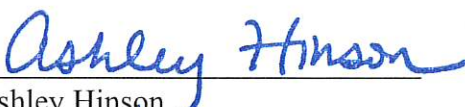
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Aplington Emergency Services, located at 409 10th St., Aplington, Iowa 50604.

This project would fund a new facility to house Aplington's Fire and EMS departments, replacing a severely outdated 1984 building. The current station lacks the space to safely store modern emergency vehicles and equipment, hampering response times and operational efficiency. A new facility would provide adequate space for vehicles and gear, dedicated decontamination areas, and training and office space to better serve the city and surrounding rural communities. The Aplington Fire and EMS Department is a volunteer force serving nearly 1,900 residents across 78 square miles, responding to more than 130 calls annually.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 USC 1926(a). The entity is eligible under 7 CFR 3570.53.

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

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations