

# Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Chris Smith  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Project

Dear Congressman Smith:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners to respectfully request your support and advocacy in seeking grant funding assistance for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office through the FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects.

As you are aware, our community faces several pressing challenges that require immediate attention and resources. These funds would assist and allow law enforcement and public safety partners to improve communication and coordination, among local, county, and state. Technology and Equipment upgrades, Training and Exercise Support, and Community Preparedness, Education and Resiliency, as outlined in their application.

Given your esteemed position and unwavering commitment to serving the best interests of our constituents, I am confident that your support in securing funding for these projects will greatly benefit our community and improve the lives of those residing within it.

Your advocacy in this matter would not only demonstrate your dedication to addressing the needs of our community but also ensure that critical initiatives receive the financial support they require to thrive.

I understand the rigorous process involved in securing funding through the Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects, and I am prepared to provide any additional information or documentation necessary to facilitate this request. Your guidance and assistance in navigating this process would be immensely appreciated by myself and the members of our community who stand to benefit from these vital projects.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Congressman Smith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Amone".

Thomas A. Amone  
Monmouth County Commissioner Director



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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
1715 Highway 35 North, Suite 303  
Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Task Force (NJEMSTF) in support of funding for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Interoperable Communications Equipment project through the FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects.

As a partner of the NJEMSTF, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office plays a key role in maintaining a capability to provide interoperative communications to our team and our local and regional partners to support deployments and operations that are critical to the safety and health of our community.

Funding this project would benefit hundreds of partner agencies in law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management, public health, and more. For decades, the emergency services community has worked toward the development and implementation of a truly useful interoperable radio system. Sheriff Golden and his team have been leaders in this realm, and we are hopeful that they can be provided with the funded needed to take the next step in creating such a system.

I am confident that your support in securing funding for these projects will greatly benefit our community and improve the lives of those residing within it. Your advocacy in this matter further demonstrates your focus on addressing the needs of our community and directing funding to projects that are truly worthy.

I understand the rigorous process involved in securing funding through the Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects, and I am prepared to provide any additional information or documentation necessary to facilitate this request.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation. I can be reached at [jmccarthy@njemstf.org](mailto:jmccarthy@njemstf.org) or 908-499-6083 for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer McCarthy".

Jennifer McCarthy, MAS, NRP, CHSE-A

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Teri O'Connor, County Administrator

April 21, 2025

The Honorable Chris Smith  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Project

Dear Congressman Smith:

The County of Monmouth fully supports the Sheriff's Office in their request for grant assistance through the FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects.

The funding will be used for technology and equipment upgrades, training and exercise support and community preparedness, education and resiliency which are all vital in assisting our law enforcement and public safety partners to effectively keep Monmouth County residents, visitors and businesses safe.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Should any questions or concerns arise please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Teri O'Connor", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Teri O'Connor  
County Administrator

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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
1715 Highway 35 North, Suite 303  
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Dear Congressman Smith,

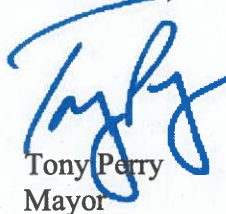
On behalf of the Township of Middletown, I respectfully request your support and advocacy in securing grant funding for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office through the FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects.

The proposed funding will support several critical public safety initiatives. These include the acquisition of updated communications and surveillance equipment, improvements to emergency response coordination between local, county, and state agencies, and expanded training and exercise programs designed to address current and emerging threats. The funding will also enable the implementation of community outreach and education programs aimed at increasing public preparedness and resilience in the face of natural disasters and other emergencies.

This investment is necessary to ensure that law enforcement and emergency services have the tools, infrastructure, and support required to effectively serve and protect the residents of Monmouth County.

We ask that you give this application your full consideration and support to ensure these essential projects receive the funding required for implementation.

All the best,



Tony Perry  
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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
1715 Highway 35 North, Suite 303  
Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the Neptune Township Office Of Emergency Management to respectfully request your support and advocacy in seeking funding for the Monmouth County Sherriff's Office Interoperable Communications Equipment project through the FY2026 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects.

As you are aware, Neptune Township and municipalities throughout Monmouth County are dependent upon each other for many reasons, but most importantly, for public safety. The ability to communicate during day-to-day operations and in large, more significant emergencies has a direct impact on the level of success we will have in providing services to our community. Our Township is dependent upon the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for the implementation, management, and operation of a countywide interoperable communications system. These funds would allow public safety partners to improve communication and coordination, at local, county, and state levels.

Recognizing your prior commitment to serving the best interests of our constituents, I am confident that your support in securing funding for these projects will greatly benefit our community and improve the lives of those residing within it.

Your advocacy in this matter would not only demonstrate your dedication to addressing the needs of our community but also ensure that the critical initiatives receive the financial support they require to thrive.

I understand the rigorous process involved in securing funding through the Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Projects, and I am prepared to provide any additional information or documentation necessary to facilitate this request.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation. I can be reached at [mbascom@neptunetownship.org](mailto:mbascom@neptunetownship.org) or 732-904-6100 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bascom, CEM, CMFO, CTC  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
Chief Financial Officer