

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

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 the Ottawa Police Department Regional De-Escalation Technology and Training Modernization Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ottawa, Kansas, located at 101 South Hickory St., Ottawa, KS, 66067. The funding would be used to provide for de-escalation technology and training modernization. This cost reflects a coordinated capital modernization effort integrating infrastructure improvements, advanced less-lethal technology transition, and immersive de-escalation training systems within a publicly owned training facility originally constructed in the mid-1980s.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project strengthens officer preparedness before critical incidents occur. The public benefit includes improved crisis response capability, reduced risk of escalation, enhanced accountability through measurable performance tracking, reduced injury risk for both officers and community members, and strengthened public trust. The facility also serves regional agencies, expanding public benefit beyond a single jurisdiction.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress