

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

May 2, 2025

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 City of Overland Park Police Department (OPPD) body camera replacement in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Overland Park Police Department, located 12400 Foster, Overland Park, KS 66213.

The funding would be used for replacement of the department's current technology, providing body-cameras for all commissioned police officers. In-car video systems would be installed in police department and municipal court vehicles. Additional camera systems would also update prisoner processing, interview rooms, and public walk-in report areas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because body-worn cameras play a crucial role in fostering transparency and accountability within law enforcement agencies. These cameras provide visual evidence that strengthens community partnerships and trust by recording interactions between police personnel and the community. Furthermore, this project directly addresses the evolving needs of modern-day policing through improved technology that will enhance communication through language translation abilities and streamline the uploading of video files with the use of LTE connectivity.

The upgrades provided by this project will enable the OPPD to transition to a comprehensive technology suite of public safety solutions that greatly improves upon the department's existing body-worn camera technology by combining multiple functions into one ecosystem.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). 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