

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Andy Harris, M.D.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration,
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Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I am requesting \$3,941,250 for the City of Wills Point to construct a new, purpose-built police department facility. The current building, originally constructed as a bank in the 1960s, is no longer suitable for modern law enforcement operations due to recurring flooding, documented mold concerns, structural deficiencies, and significant limitations in space, evidence storage, and technology infrastructure. These conditions pose risks to officer safety, evidence integrity, and the department's ability to effectively serve the community.

As Wills Point and the surrounding North Texas region continue to experience steady population growth, the demand for reliable and modern public safety infrastructure has increased accordingly. This project will provide a secure, resilient facility designed to meet contemporary policing standards, including proper evidence handling, dedicated IT systems, and safe, functional workspace for officers and staff. It will also enhance public safety for nearby schools, parks, and community spaces while supporting the long-term needs of a growing district.

This request represents a responsible and efficient use of taxpayer dollars by addressing critical infrastructure deficiencies before they result in more costly failures or public safety risks. Investing in a modern police facility will reduce ongoing maintenance and emergency repair costs, improve operational efficiency, and ensure the protection of sensitive records and evidence. Federal support for this project will help equip Wills Point with the resources necessary to provide safe, effective law enforcement services while strengthening the overall resilience and security of the community.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden
Member of Congress