

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0904**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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

Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the University of North Florida's Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) online training studio enhancements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of North Florida, located at 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.


The funding would be used to make upgrades to the IPTM's studio where they film online trainings for law enforcement officers. Funds would be used to purchase cameras, lighting, sound equipment, studio recording equipment, mobile studio hardware, and post production editing equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide better quality training to law enforcement officers across the country. IPTM has trained over 500,000 officers to date. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line daily and need to be prepared for the countless scenarios they might experience. Proper and regular training helps officers do their jobs better, more efficiently, and builds trust with the communities they were sworn to serve. Upgrading IPTM's studio equipment will allow them to produce better quality trainings that will reach an additional 1,000 officers a year virtually.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding requested is designated for the purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

  
John Rutherford  
Member of Congress