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To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners
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Subject: FFY24 Appropriations Requests

The process for Federal Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (appropriations requests) is now open. This is a competitive request process; US Senator Thom Tillis's office is accepting these funding requests for North Carolina.

Proposed projects must be for a 12-month period beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 24. If a project is selected for sub-committee submission by Senator Tillis, it will then be reviewed by the appropriate Senate Appropriations Subcommittees. Senate Appropriations decisions are expected to be made in October 2023, with funding made available in Spring 2024.

There are two (2) projects that may meet requirements set forth by Senator Tillis's funding priorities:

1. Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Training Program

Proposed Request Amount: \$775,000

Background: It is nationally recognized that crisis intervention training for law enforcement is a critical component to promoting public safety by making sure that appropriate responses to individuals in crisis have access to treatment for behavioral/mental health conditions, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or physical disabilities.

Project Summary: Rowan County proposes to establish a crisis response/intervention training (CRIT) program using established accredited curricula and made available to law enforcement and detention center staff employed by Rowan County and its 10 municipalities. Rowan County project lead TBD.

2. Rowan County Veterans Treatment Court (Rowan VTC)

Proposed Request Amount: \$546,600

Background: VTCs are specialty/therapeutic courts under NC statute, operating as part court and part program to support veterans who have been charged with criminal offenses and who are eligible for alternative treatment court services.

There are currently only 5 VTCs operating in North Carolina, which has an estimated 637,000+ veterans¹. Rowan County itself is home to just over 9,200 veterans.

Project Summary: Rowan County Commissioners passed a resolution on June 20, 2022, in support of establishing a VTC in Rowan County. Project will be led by Veteran Services Director Justan Mounts, with the 12-month funding to cover “start-up” costs associated with establishing such a Court. Rowan VTC will be a coordinated, community-based response and support system for eligible veterans through collaboration between Veterans Services and local agencies. Core service include assisting program participants to access treatment for substance use/alcoholism, mental health, while at the same time improving their academic/vocational skills.

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/NC/PST045222>