



Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The Honorable Veronica Escobar
16th District of Texas
1505 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Congressional Community Project Funding Requests

Dear Congresswoman Escobar,

The purpose of this letter is to indicate our support for the Town of Anthony's proposed Community Project Funding request for the purchase of license plate cameras to benefit the Police Department. The Rio Grande Council of Governments is one of twenty-four regional planning organizations in the State of Texas. Our organization is comprised of member governments that are located within our seven-county region in Far West Texas, which includes The Town of Anthony.

The Town of Anthony, which is located off Interstate 10 and borders New Mexico. This community has seen increased criminal activity. If funded, the camera system will allow the police department to be more efficient with their time due to the new technology. For instance, the camera system can scan and match more license plates quicker than police personnel. As well, the camera system can be used as an investigatory tool, where they will be able to track criminal patterns over time. The grant application process nationwide is extremely competitive and smaller communities such as Anthony, do not score as high where they can receive funding. However, that is why programs such as this one, are so vital to our communities because it gives them a chance to receive funding for the betterment of their residents. Please consider this projection as a priority for the citizens of Anthony, Texas.

Best Regards,

Annette Gutierrez
Executive Director

