

April 28, 2025

U.S. Congressman Gregory F. Murphy, M.D. U.S. House of Representatives 4070 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

**RE:** Grant Funding

Dear Dr. Murphy:

I am pleased to offer my support for the April 28, 2025, grant funding opportunity for the Town of Winterville, North Carolina. Their application aligns with the priorities of the Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Department of developing a comprehensive firefighting response to the structures located within the town limits and areas outside of town.

My primary concern as the Fire Chief is life safety followed by property conservation. We have a number of areas that simply do not have an adequate water supply for fire suppression thus presenting significant life safety concerns. This lack of water supply is a critical concern and this is an issue that makes me lose sleep at night. We strive to comply with the N.C. Fire Prevention Code and the associated water supply requirements. Several areas that lack adequate fire flow and present significant concerns include the Carroll Crossing subdivision, the Greenville Montessori School, Cornerstone subdivision, Magnolia Ridge subdivision, Brookstone subdivision, Winterville Church of Christ, and the Pitt County Shrine Club.

This funding request will allow the Town of Winterville to provide adequate and code compliant fire flow in these areas. This will allow for life safety and property conservation in these areas. It will also for a safer working environment for our firefighters and mutual aid partners.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Respectfully submitted.

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Fire Chief

Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS