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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Greene County Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Terry Beigie, Grant Writer
SUBJECT:	FY2027 Community Project Funding Application
DATE:	February 26, 2026

Recommended action:

Approve the attached resolution to support the FY 2027 Congressional Community Project Funding application for three (3) Bi-Directional Amplifiers for the three (3) Greene County Public Schools campuses.

Background:

Congressman Eugene Vindman is our elected VA-07 District Representative and has requested submittals for Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2027. To be eligible, projects must be sponsored by local or state government entities or nonprofit organizations and must be projects that would otherwise meet the qualifications to apply for competitive Federal grant funding from the appropriation. These project awards are federal grants but must be made by a Congressional office. For Fiscal Year 2027 Members of Congress are allowed to submit 15 requests but there is no guarantee on how many of those will get funded. Requested projects must have a “Federal nexus” tied to a Federal Authorization Law. It is our belief that the requested project meets that requirement.

Some areas of our public-school buildings have weak signal coverage, particularly inside buildings, ensuring reliable communication for emergency responders. While the new public safety radio system is online, the coverage in the schools is not where emergency services would like, remaining between the 70-80% range. The ability for law enforcement, among other first-responders, to communicate is the key to any emergency and when there is an emergency inside a school, we need to have the ability to communicate. The impact of this project would include more effective planning, response, and efficiency of emergencies. In a large-scale emergency around 100-150 first responders would respond to the call. The responders, our student population, and our school staff, would be directly affected by the ability or inability - to communicate, not to mention the countless number of families and citizens that would benefit from the knowledge that responders will be able to obtain resources and remain safe while mediating the situation.

The cost of this is estimated to be \$1 million for all campuses. The Congressman's office will have the final say on what projects they submit, and I will continue to work closely with them to present the best projects we can. We are requesting the Board approve the resolution in support of the project and permit the filing of the application for the Community Project Funding under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment appropriation, which will have no match requirement by the locality or the Sheriff's Office. We had submitted under this umbrella in FY26 but it was not chosen; however other localities received funding under this appropriations bill for the same project so we feel confident it's the correct one.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE FY27 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

WHEREAS, Greene County recently invested more than \$5 million in a new public safety radio project; and

WHEREAS, the new radio system provides more than 95% coverage through the County 95% of the time; and

WHEREAS, signal coverage within the public schools remains between 70-80%, hindering first-responders within those buildings; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to install three (3) Bi-Directional Amplifiers for each of the public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the project is estimated at \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, neither the Department of Emergency Services nor the Sheriff's Office have the funding available for this project within the Fiscal Year 2027 budget; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Eugene Vindman is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Community Project Funding is to ensure direct, local engagement as part of the Federal appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, projects must have a Federal nexus tied to a Federal authorization law; and

WHEREAS, this project request falls into the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment appropriation; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the project funding, it will require no match in funding from the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia this project has support from the Board and the community at large and an application may be submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia, that the County Administrator may submit the application for this project.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Motion:

Second:

Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano _____

Marie C. Durrer _____

Tim Goolsby _____

Matthew Hartung _____

Davis Lamb _____

Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors