

Congressman Jimmy Panetta **FY24 Appropriations Request Form**

Please fill out **one form** per request. If the request is for program funding and complementary report language, you may submit a single form and fill out both sections. To the extent possible, please provide detailed information regarding the location of your request in the Subcommittee bill or report, down to the activity, account or country level, if applicable. Include all prompted relevant information regarding prior year Appropriations requests.

Forms are due to staff by Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Please email requests as a **Microsoft Word document**.

Contact Information

Organization: Cambia Community Healthcare District
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Lobbyist (if any): N/A

Phone: Email:

Organization Demographics *(This information is not required, but is helpful.)*

Number of Employees: 15 Full-time and 19 Part-time
Number of Employees in California's 19th District: 34
For-profit or non-profit entity: non-profit

Proposal Type *(Please pick one.)*

- X Program funding 2024 Community Project Funding
 Bill language
 Report Language
 Program funding and accompanying Report Language

Budget Appropriation: 2024 Community Project Funding

Bill Title/Agency OR Branch of Service (Defense):

Program/Account OR Program Element Number, Project and Activity (Defense):

Program Funding Requests

FY24 amount requested: \$5,788,000 to fund 3 distinct design and construction phases for the new ambulance station: Phase 1) Architecture & Engineering Services = \$770,000, Phase 2: Building Demolition & Site Preparation = \$1,815,000 and Phase 3: Ambulance Station Construction = \$3,203,000.

FY24 PBR:

Net change:

Designated offset: (if necessary)

FY23 enacted:

Description and justification for funding request:

Bill or Report Language Requests

Proposed title: Ambulance Station

Proposal description:

The Cambria Community Healthcare District is seeking funds to support a new ambulance station. The proposed new station will provide living quarters for our 4 first responders (2 paramedics and 2 EMTs) who provide 24-hour emergency ambulance service to 6,853 residents and over 1 million annual visitors within a 515 square mile area along the rugged central coast of California. An apparatus bay will allow ambulances to be securely garaged and protected from the corrosive coastal environment extending vehicle service life. The new ambulance station will meet all code requirements, be designed and constructed to resist fire, earthquake, or high winds assuring first responder safety and fleet readiness, which in turn, enhances community safety when emergencies or natural disasters occur.

Specific bill language or report language:

Justification for request:

The current station jeopardizes both the District's mission and the personal well-being of the first responders it houses. Crews work 48-hour shifts with little sleep and are currently housed in an unsafe, unheated building. The 66 year old building is well beyond its useful life span, is poorly designed to meet the modern needs of an ambulance station, is out of code for modern electrical or plumbing systems, does not have appropriate disability accommodations, and has recently been cited by the local Fire Department for multiple life-safety code violations. The nearest alternative ambulance provider is more than 20 minutes away, time that is critical for the health of the vulnerable community we serve.

For the past 2 decades our agency's revenues have been static due to: 1) a 2002 building moratorium preventing expansion of our tax base and 2) ambulance reimbursement rates which are limited by our high percentage of residents age 65 or older (41% vs. 15% State of California.) With Medicare the primary insurer for 60% of all ambulance transports the average rate of \$605 only reimburses 1/3 of actual transport costs. These budget constraints require our agency to seek external sources to fund the new ambulance station.

Connection to California's 19th District:

The Cambria Community Healthcare District's service area lies within California's 19th District boundaries. Our service area includes Northwest quadrant of San Luis Obispo County, and via contract, the Southwest portion of (Big Sur South) of Monterey County.

Agency Support

POC: Linda Hendy

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Other POC (if applicable):

Benefit to Department/Agency/Service Requirement: Special District – Cambria Community Service District

Congressional Support

List any Members or Committees this project has been (or will be) briefed to (include staff names):

List any Members (House or Senate) this request will be submitted to (include staff names):

Seamus McKeon, Congressional Aide, Congressman Panetta

Feel free to submit additional supporting information as separate attachments.