



Sherburne County Sheriff's Office

"Commitment to Service with Integrity and Pride"

Sheriff Joel Brott

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RE: Request for FY 2026 Congressional Directed Spending – Sherburne County (MN) Jail

Dear Chair Cole, Chair Rogers, Representative DeLauro, and Representative Meng;

As a follow up for consideration to the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office's request for funds from the Community Project Funding program, I wanted to emphasize a few things that are important to know about the Sherburne County Jail.

The Sherburne County Jail is the 2nd largest county owned and operated jail in Minnesota, with the capacity to house approximately 700 inmates in eight separate housing units.

To maintain a safe and secure environment for all inmates and staff, the Sherburne County Jail employs over 214 county employees and 35 contracted individuals who provide various services for all the inmates – including medical, dental, and mental health care, food service, and transportation services.

These 214 county jobs, amount to annual wages and benefits of \$24,203,929. The food service and medical contracts total \$5,357,793 annually, which employs 35 staff. These are excellent paying jobs that have a significant economic impact on our local communities. Since these staff all live within an hour drive of the county jail facility, they increase local spending and generate local tax revenue.

A future investment into the Sherburne County Jail will ensure well-paying job opportunities for our local communities while providing a necessary public safety service for decades to come.

Again, thank you for the consideration for this funding request. I am happy to answer any further questions to aid in the decision-making process.

Thank you,

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April 28, 2025

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Dear Chair Cole, Chair Rogers, Representative DeLauro, and Representative Meng:

I am writing this letter in support of Sherburne County's request for \$7 million in FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending to help the County undertake \$27 million in needed renovations and improvements to the Sherburne County Jail.

The City of Elk River supports such public investment in infrastructure that serves our community while not unduly increasing the tax burden on area residences and business.

Sherburne County's current jail facility is approximately 45 years old and in need of critical renovations and improvements. Among these are \$27 million in identified high-priority projects to replace/upgrade:

- Aging Plumbing and HVAC systems
- Booking, Secure Vehicular Access (Sally Port), and Special Management Housing
- Dedicated areas for Mental Health programming and services

Federal assistance for infrastructure improvements to this County-owned and operated facility is especially warranted, as Sherburne County's jail is specifically designed to assist state, federal, and other regional law enforcement partners with short-term housing needs.

The Sherburne County Jail has also achieved "Triple Crown" status by attaining simultaneous accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Commission on

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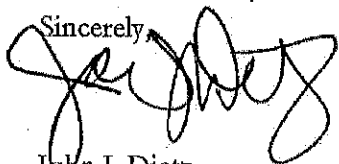
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Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

Federal assistance in renovating and upgrading this County facility represents both a highly worthwhile and decidedly warranted federal investment in our local community; and one which the City of Elk River Area strongly supports.

Thank you for considering Sherburne County's request for \$7 million in FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

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John J. Dietz
Mayor



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As a Sherburne County Commissioner and 2025 Board Chair, I am writing this letter in support of Sherburne County's request for \$7 million in FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending.

Operated exceptionally well, the Sherburne County Jail is rated as one of the top 50 county jail facilities in the nation, achieving "Triple Crown" status by attaining simultaneous accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

Unfortunately, as Sherburne County's current jail facility is approximately 45 years old, it is in need of critical renovations and improvements. Among these are \$27 million in identified high-priority projects to replace/upgrade:

- Aging Plumbing and HVAC systems
- Booking, Secure Vehicular Access (Sally Port), and Special Management Housing
- Dedicated areas for Mental Health programming and services

Sherburne County is committed to undertaking these needed improvements to this County-owned and operated facility, seeing such as a necessary reinvestment in public safety - one of our core local government functions.

Securing Federal assistance with these infrastructure improvements is especially warranted, as Sherburne County's jail is specifically designed to assist several federal and other regional law enforcement partners with short-term housing needs.

Federal assistance in renovating and upgrading this County facility represents both a highly worthwhile and decidedly warranted federal investment in our local community; helping reduce the local tax burden on both residences and business alike while ensuring this "best-of-class" facility continues to operate and serve both us and our regional and federal partners.

Thank you for considering Sherburne County's request for \$7 million in FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending.

Sincerely,



April 29, 2025

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The Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports public investment in infrastructure that serves our community and helps reduce the tax burden on both residences and business alike.

Sherburne County's current jail facility is approximately 45 years old, with identified high-priority projects to replace/upgrade failing infrastructure and deterioration in the following areas:

- Aging Plumbing and HVAC systems
- Improvements to Intake, Booking, Secure Vehicular Access (Sally Port), and Special Management Housing
- Enhanced space for Mental Health programming and services

Federal assistance for infrastructure improvements to this County-owned and operated facility is especially warranted, as Sherburne County's jail is specifically designed to assist state, federal, and other regional law enforcement partners with short-term housing needs.

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Debbi Rydberg
Executive Director