



March 6, 2026

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr
Kentucky 6th Congressional District Office
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100
Lexington, KY 40509

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Development Authority (WCCIDA), please accept this support letter for the Community Funding Projects submission requesting funds for the Winchester Fire Infrastructure & Response Readiness Project.

Public safety infrastructure is foundational to economic growth. Reliable fire protection stabilizes insurance ratings, protects property values, supports business recruitment, and ensures workforce safety. Investing now prevents more costly emergency response failures, infrastructure deterioration, or reactive expansions later.

By strengthening emergency preparedness in Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, this project delivers measurable public benefit, safeguards lives and property, and ensures taxpayer funds are used proactively to support community resilience and economic competitiveness across the Commonwealth.

Winchester continues to grow and develop new and exciting opportunities for the region. As this growth occurs, so does the need to enhance and bolster our emergency services. Like most communities, we lack the necessary resources to keep up with the growth we are experiencing. Your assistance will allow us to continue our legacy of providing first-class service to our community.

As always, we are thankful for your support and your work in the 6th Congressional District.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brad Sowden'.

Brad Sowden, Executive Director
WCCIDA

City of Winchester

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Fire Chief Chris Whiteley



The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Winchester Fire Department, I write in strong support of the City of Winchester's request for federal Community Project Funding to support critical renovations to Fire Stations #1 and #3. These improvements are necessary to ensure our facilities can safely and effectively support the growing demand for emergency services in Winchester and Clark County.

Fire and EMS call volume has increased 14 percent over the past 24 months, reflecting continued residential and commercial growth throughout our community. In particular, development along the U.S. 627 corridor, including a proposed neighborhood of more than 400 single-family homes along with additional commercial and multifamily uses, will further increase service demand.

The requested funding will allow the City to renovate Fire Stations #1 and #3 to improve operational efficiency, enhance firefighter safety, and support our ability to meet nationally recognized response benchmarks under NFPA 1710. Modernizing these stations will ensure our personnel and equipment are properly housed and positioned to serve the community effectively.

Additionally, the Winchester Fire Department recently entered into an automatic mutual aid agreement with Clark County Fire Services, expanding regional response coordination and increasing the importance of maintaining strong operational readiness.

If federal funding can support these necessary renovations, the City will be better positioned to focus its own resources on long-term planning for additional infrastructure, including a potential future fire station where growth is accelerating.

Thank you for your continued support of public safety and your leadership on behalf of the residents of Winchester, Clark County, and Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District. I appreciate your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Chris Whiteley

Fire Chief

Winchester Fire Department

Office of the City Manager

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The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the City of Winchester, I respectfully request your support for federal Community Project Funding to assist with renovations to Fire Stations #1 and #3. These improvements are necessary to ensure the Winchester Fire Department can continue to meet growing demand for emergency services while maintaining safe and efficient operations.

Fire and EMS call volume has increased by 14 percent over the past 24 months, and continued residential and commercial development throughout the community is expected to place additional pressure on our emergency response system. Renovating these stations will improve operational capacity, enhance firefighter safety, and help the department move closer to meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710 response standards.

If federal funding can assist with these needed renovations, the City will be better positioned to focus local resources on future infrastructure needs, including planning for a potential fire station in the rapidly growing quadrant of the county.

Thank you for your continued support of Winchester and communities across Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District.

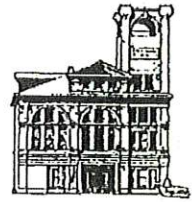
Sincerely,



Michael H. Flynn
City Manager

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City of Winchester



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The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Barr,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Winchester to express my support for the City's request for federal Community Project Funding to assist with renovations to Fire Stations #1 and #3.

Maintaining strong public safety infrastructure is one of the most important responsibilities of local government. These improvements will help ensure that the Winchester Fire Department can continue providing dependable service to our residents and businesses while preparing for continued growth in our community.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Winchester and communities across Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District. Your willingness to listen to local needs and advocate for our region is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering this request and for your ongoing commitment to public safety and community development

Sincerely,


JoEllen Reed
Mayor

