



Michael R. Williams
Bourbon County Judge Executive
Courthouse
Paris, Kentucky 40361

March 18, 2024

Congressman Andy Barr
2709 Old Rosebud Road
Lexington, Ky. 40509

Dear Congressman Barr,

I am writing you today in support of the City of North Middletown's appeal for Community Projects Funding to purchase a fire truck. Our community fire departments are very important to Bourbon County in providing fire protection for our entire community. Acquiring equipment for fire departments is a challenge for all our fire departments, as I'm sure it is across Kentucky. The North Middletown Fire Department has a plan in place to remedy their situation with aging equipment that can be unreliable and subject to fail in critical emergency situations. The residents of the City of North Middletown and the surrounding area depend on their fire department to provide protection from catastrophic loss of life and property. The Bourbon County Fiscal Court depends on the North Middletown Fire Department to support and respond along with the County Fire Department when citizens are at risk. I, and the entire Bourbon County Fiscal Court, encourage you and your staff to support their appeal for support through the CPF process.

The North Middletown Fire Department plays an important role in providing protection and service for that area of Bourbon County and the Fiscal Court supports the steps the city is taking to enhance its capabilities. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information to help support the city's application. Thank you, Sir, for all you and your staff do for Bourbon County!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael R. Williams,

Bourbon County Judge-Executive



North Middletown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 24, 2024

Dear Congressman Barr,

The church enthusiastically writes this letter to support the North Middletown Volunteer Fire Department's application for the community projects funding grant to purchase a new emergency response vehicle.

The North Middletown Christian Church has a long history with our Volunteer Fire Department. The church helped start the fire department, the Women's Auxiliary helped raise the money to build the building, and a beloved church member donated the property. The church and the fire department operate somewhat from the same mission: to provide hospitality and safe meeting spaces for the community.

Throughout the year, the Fire Department hosts opportunities for the community to unite. From spaghetti suppers to toy drives, Christmas parades, and chili suppers, the fire department is always there, making sure the community is served.

They know the members of the community better than anyone else, for they respond during people's most significant times of need. They have been in people's homes, administering care during vulnerable moments. They have formed bonds with people during these crises, and these connections last a long time in our small community.

Statistically, rural people face greater health concerns than our urban and suburban counterparts, and our trained volunteer firefighters are the first ones to respond. With the continued challenges of the opioid epidemic and our aging population, our volunteer firefighters need all the support they can get. When making pastoral visits, I often hear stories about how helpful the firefighters were in responding to a health call. I do not want to imagine the outcome if our vehicles could not respond during these emergencies.

We hope you will consider our small-town and rural volunteer fire department so they can get the much-needed resources to serve people in difficult-to-reach areas. Our small community relies upon them for our health and safety. A community project funding grant will make a meaningful impact on the people of North Middletown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Moon".

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moon, Pastor
(she/her)
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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Barr:

Please accept this letter of support for the City of North Middletown's request for \$390,000 in funding through the Community Projects Funding grant program for a new fire apparatus.

The city's "newest" engine is 23 years old and is currently out of service due to catastrophic failure of its fire pump. Due to this failure, the community is now reliant on a reserve truck that is 42 years old. As you can imagine, the reliability of this reserve truck is suspect, especially in an emergency environment.

The cost estimate that has been obtained for a new truck is from Fauts Brothers Fire Equipment, which is one of the only manufacturers that can have a new truck delivered in as little as three months from the signed contract. Most other manufacturers are estimating delivery times as long as three years.

I understand that there are many needs in your congressional district, but with these current circumstances, I would appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Koch".

Matthew Koch
State Representative
72nd District

MK/kmc

Commonwealth of Kentucky

STATE SENATE



STEPHEN A. WEST
State Senator
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Paris, KY 40361

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27TH DISTRICT

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Barr:

I would like to express my full support for the City of North Middletown's application for funding from the Community Project Funding grant through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

It is my understanding that the requested funds in the amount of \$390,000 will be used for the purchase of a new fire truck. North Middletown Volunteer Fire Department only has one operating fire truck that is forty-two years old and unreliable. It is very critical that the fire department has a new, dependable fire truck to transport firefighters to the scene, carry the equipment, and supply water to fight the fires. Our firefighters serve our community unselfishly, spending hours in training and providing 24/7 coverage to our residents. We need to provide them with adequate support and equipment to help them do their jobs.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the City of North Middletown. If can provide any additional information relating to the to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen West".

Stephen West
State Senator, 27th District

SW/mms

March 12, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr

2709 Old Rosebud Rd., Ste. 100

Lexington, Ky 40509

Dear Congressman Barr,

Please accept this letter of support for the City of North Middletown for the Community Projects Funding grant program and their endeavor to purchase a new fire truck.

Providing emergency services is challenging in rural communities where small fire departments struggle financially and have limited budgets. The age, condition and reliability of our fire truck is a cause for concern as it hinders the ability to respond to an emergency situation.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Mayor's office as they seek funding to support this much needed equipment for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Conner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" being more prominent than the last name "Conner".

Bill Conner

Bourbon County Magistrate,

North Middletown and Paris # 3

City of North Middletown

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March 11, 2024

Congressman Andy Barr
Lexington District Office
2709 Old Rosebud Road
Lexington, KY 40509

Congressman Barr,

Please accept this letter of support for the City of North Middletown's request through the Community Projects Funding grant program. Our city is requesting \$390,000 for funding of a new fire apparatus.

Our "newest" engine is twenty-three (23) years old and is currently out of service due to catastrophic failure of its fire pump. Due this failure, our community is now reliant on a reserve truck that is forty-two (42) years old. As you can imagine the reliability of this reserve truck is suspect, especially in an emergency environment.

The cost estimate that we have obtained for a new truck is from Fauts Brothers Fire Equipment, which is one of the only manufacturers that can have a new truck delivered in as little as 3 months from the signed contract. Most other manufacturers are estimating delivery times as long as 3 years.

We understand that there are many needs in your congressional district, but with our current circumstances, we would appreciate your consideration of our request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff McFarland".

Jeff McFarland
Mayor/Fire Chief
City of North Middletown

**CITY OF NORTH MIDDLETOWN
RESOLUTION 2024-2**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDING PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ANDY BARR.

WHEREAS, the City of North Middletown recently sustained a catastrophic failure of the pump on its fire engine; and

WHEREAS, repair of the pump is neither feasible nor practical given the age and over all condition of the fire engine; and

WHEREAS, emergency funding is possible through the Community Projects Program enabling purchase of a new fire truck on a brief time basis.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the City of North Middletown:

Section 1. That the City of North Middletown hereby endorses and expresses support for the City's application to the Community Projects Program for funding in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$390,000.00) dollars for purchase of a new fire truck necessitated by the catastrophic failure of the pump on its fire engine which cannot be repaired in an economical or practical basis, which application is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City, be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause application for this grant to be made through the office of Hon. Andy Barr, US Representative for Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, and to provide any necessary and proper documentation in furtherance of such application.


Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its enactment as required by law.

Introduced and enacted: Special Meeting, 13 MAR 2024.

CITY OF NORTH MIDDLETOWN



Jeff McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:


M. Lee Ginter, City Clerk