



Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center Grant

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the grant for Lafayette County to construct an Emergency Operations Center. The Center would allow for coordination between County emergency officials, and other government agencies for a smoother response to emergencies throughout the City and County. The business community in Oxford and Lafayette County rely on our emergency services to keep our community safe for businesses and residents alike.

It is imperative for Lafayette County to be prepared to respond and offer assistance to our community, businesses and industry, in the event of a disaster. Please consider the County's grant application. The Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation are both in full support of the awarding of the grant to Lafayette County.

Sincerely,

Pamela T. Swain
Senior Vice President



**Oxford-Lafayette County
Economic Development Foundation, Inc.**

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

The Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation is in full support of the grant for Lafayette County to construct an Emergency Operations Center. The Center would allow for coordination between County emergency officials, and other government agencies for a smoother response to emergencies throughout the City and County. Our own industrial park has had occurrences of tornados and other emergencies. Having emergency personnel, an immediate plan of action, and an operational hub is critical for a life-saving response in such emergencies.

It is imperative for Lafayette County to be prepared to respond and offer assistance to our community, businesses and industry, in the event of a disaster. Please consider the County's grant application. The Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation are both in full support of the awarding of the grant to Lafayette County.

Sincerely,



Jon C. Maynard
President/CEO

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SUBJECT: Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center Grant

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am writing on behalf of the Lafayette County EMA in support of a grant to construct a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The current house of The Lafayette Emergency Management is in a section of the Lafayette County Complex located on Buddy East Boulevard in Oxford, MS. This area is sufficient for non-emergency day-to-day operations but doing an active disaster the area is not a suitable environment for an Emergency Operations Center. With the increase pace of disasters, the construction of an EOC will better serve 55,813 Mississippians living in Lafayette County.

The Collaborative Missionary Network, Inc fully support awarding a grant for the construction of a Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center and can serve as the Recipient of the grant. If you need any further information, please contact me at 662-234-3524.

Sincerely,



Clay Anthony
Associational Missions Strategist



State of Mississippi

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MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

STEPHEN C. McCRANEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Trent Kelly
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SUBJECT: Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center Grant

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I write on behalf of Lafayette County in support of a grant to construct a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Lafayette Emergency Management is currently housed in a small section of the Lafayette County Complex. While this area may be sufficient for non-emergency day-to-day operations, it is not a suitable environment for an Emergency Operations Center during an active disaster. With the increased tempo of disasters, the construction of an EOC will better serve 55,813 Mississippians living in Lafayette County.

My agency fully supports awarding a grant for the construction of a Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center and can serve as the Recipient of the grant. If you have any questions, please me at 601-933-6362.

Sincerely,


Stephen C. McCraney
Executive Director



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April 12, 2022

FY-23 Community Project Funding Request

Office of Congressman Trent Kelly,

Lafayette County Emergency Management, on behalf of Lafayette County, Mississippi, is submitting a request for funding to establish a new Emergency Operations Center to better provide life safety to the citizens of Lafayette County.

After completing a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, it was determined that Lafayette County has many capability gaps that need to be addressed in order to better align with the National Preparedness Goal. One such gap is the lack of a fully functioning Emergency Operations Center. During an incident, the Emergency Operations Center is used to coordinate information and resources to assist those affected by the incident. Currently, a small conference room located inside the Lafayette County Emergency Management office serves as the EOC. This suffices for day-to-day operations, but during a disaster, becomes insufficient. The building that hosts the Lafayette County Emergency Management office was not built to provide the level of protection and service an EOC requires. The building is not a hardened structure capable of withstanding a direct hit from natural or man-made hazards and provides no back up power in the event of a power outage. The conference room has limited space available to support the different Agencies and Emergency Support Functions that would be needed during a disaster. These insufficiencies limit the county's ability to appropriately support incident response, which in turn, inhibits appropriate response and support by State and Federal partners.

The EOC that would result from this funding would help to close several of the Core Capability gaps in the Response and Recovery Mission Areas, specifically public information and warning, operational coordination, intelligence and informational sharing, situational assessment, logistics and supply chain management, mass search and rescue operations and operational communications. This project would provide Lafayette County with an Emergency Operations Center capable of upholding the National Preparedness Goal. When considering priority-based investments, Lafayette County citizens view this project as a high priority in raising the county to the level of preparedness it needs in order to save lives and continue operations during times of disaster, thus making this facility invaluable to those within the jurisdiction.

This new Emergency Operations facility would also be a tremendous asset to the State of Mississippi. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency currently lacks any footing in North Mississippi where resources can be stored and dispatched during times of disaster. This project could help provide a base of operations for joint Preliminary Damage Assessments, trainings, district meetings, etc. It could also provide similar accommodations to Federal Emergency Management Agency, when federal assistance is needed in the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Quarles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Quarles
Director of Emergency Management
Lafayette County Mississippi



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Re: Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Dear Congressman Kelly,

It is my hope that the reception of this letter finds you well. I am writing to you in support of our great partners and local stakeholders at the Lafayette County Emergency Management Agency here in Oxford, MS. As one of the fastest growing counties in the state of MS and the U.S., Lafayette County EMA is working diligently to help meet the demands that comes with such growth. Lafayette is also home to the beautiful Oxford campus of Ole Miss, which within itself provides both great opportunities and increasing complexities in regard to disaster response and coordination. One other important thing to consider is Lafayette Co.'s unique geographical location almost in the perfect center of the northern part of the state.

With all of this in mind, I highly recommend Lafayette Co. Emergency Management for a grant opportunity to help in the construction an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). EOC's are more than just a building during a disaster. They are the pulse of the response, and the life of their community's recovery efforts. Currently, Lafayette Co. does not have an adequate location for such a facility. While disasters seem to become more common and possibly more catastrophic, our first responders' roles become even more critical. It is paramount that they have the tools and resources needed to be successful when their communities need them. I am certain that our wonderful city, county, state, and our campus will all benefit from the availability of a quality Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center. Please feel free to reach out to me at the number below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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