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City Selected for \$8.8 Million Federal Funds for Reconstruction of Fire Station 12

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EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso has been selected for the appropriation of \$8.8 million for the reconstruction of Fire Station 12 in Northeast El Paso as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding program.

The City received support from Congressman Tony Gonzales to move the request forward through the appropriations process as a part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding (CPF) awards. Congress authorizes CPF awards to directly allocate federal funding to communities across the United States to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities.

"This project underscores the power of partnership between governmental entities and highlights our commitment to enhancing public safety infrastructure in El Paso," said Mayor Oscar Leeser. "We are grateful for the ongoing investment in our community and the commitment to safeguarding lives and property. In neighborhoods across the City, we are modernizing aging facilities to maintain El Paso's standing as one of the nation's safest cities, we are expanding community involvement in resident safety, taking proactive approaches to preventing fire and medical incidents, and improving public safety operational efficiencies."

"This year, I was proud to submit a community project funding request in Congress to build a new fire station for Northeast El Paso and Fort Bliss. This project will go a long way in improving emergency response times in a region that would greatly benefit from additional services. Through my seat on the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for the El Paso community and Fort Bliss to get this important funding across the finish line," said Congressman Tony Gonzales.

The Fire Station 12 Reconstruction Project includes site preparation, design, and construction of a 6,000 square foot facility that will provide direct benefits to regional fire prevention, emergency response, public safety, and economic development for Northeast El Paso.

The proposed Fire Station 12 Service Area will also provide emergency response support to Fort Bliss, Logan Heights, and Biggs Army Airfield. By extending fire prevention services to Fort Bliss under an existing Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA), the City of El Paso contributes to the overall safety and well-being of military personnel, their families, and civilian employees residing on the installation, fostering strong bonds and partnerships between the military and civilian communities in El Paso.

This \$8.8 million project is part of the City of El Paso's commitment to maintaining its standing as one of the nation's safest cities by improving public safety operational efficiencies.

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