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**Murrieta's Federal Community Project Funding Requests Selected for
Federal Appropriations Committee Consideration**

MURRIETA – Rep. Ken Calvert selected the City of Murrieta's Keller Road Interchange Project in the amount of \$2.6 million as one of his federal appropriations within the Community Project Funding program and this week it was included in the House Transportation-HUD appropriations bill, moving further along in the process. To meet the needs of communities across the country, the Appropriations Committee accepts programmatic, language-based, and Community Project Funding requests from members of Congress. While this selection is the first step in the legislative process, it is a major milestone to secure federal funding for the interchange project. The requested funding would be used to advance the I-215 and Keller Road Interchange Project, which would provide critical access to a regional medical center. The \$2.6 million in funding would supplement the \$18.4 million already committed for the project. The City of Murrieta is actively applying for other grant and funding opportunities to make up the total project cost of \$47 million.

In addition, Murrieta's Dispatch Technology Funding Request was selected as one of Senator Feinstein's Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee requests in the amount of \$275,000. The City of Murrieta's dispatch technology project would improve the City's communications center which also serves the City of Menifee.

The Community Project Funding program was implemented in 2021, allowing members of Congress to submit eligible requests to set aside funds within specific federal accounts for projects proposed by public institutions, localities, states, Tribes, or non-profits. Last year, Murrieta received federal funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations bill, bringing \$1.1 million to Western Riverside County to fund homeless prevention efforts and emergency preparedness. Murrieta's regional homeless services received \$500,000 and \$600,000 was allocated for emergency operations equipment at Loma Linda University Medical Center Murrieta.

The City of Murrieta shared its appreciation for the partnership with Congressman Calvert's office. "The City of Murrieta is proud of the partnership we have had over the years with our congressional representative," Murrieta Mayor Jonathan Ingram said. "This support will assist in funding two Murrieta projects that will provide regional impact on public safety and access to Murrieta's medical corridor."

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Murrieta's more than 115,000 residents live in one of the safest cities in the U.S., with top-ranked schools, 52 parks, and a dynamic business environment. Central to all of Southern California, Murrieta is truly the gem of the valley. With a median age of 36 and an average household income of \$122,207, Murrieta boasts a well-educated population and a strong labor force. Ranked the fiscally healthiest full-service city in Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles counties, Murrieta's future is undoubtedly bright.