

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4403

**Project Name:** Blue Mountain Hospital Expansion

**Recipient:** Blue Mountain Hospital

**Address:** 802 S 200 W, Blanding, UT 84511

**Amount Requested:** \$3,500,000

**Project Explanation:** The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would expand and improve their emergency department, patient care unit, surgery capacity, outpatient services, and overall supply storage. Blue Mountain Hospital provides critical care in its rural community. Its expansion is critical to meet the needs of the rapidly growing area consisting of members of Navajo Nation, Ute Tribes, and 15,000 residents of San Juan County. Since opening, the demand for hospital services has grown due to population increases, resulting in challenges with storage, work, and patient flow. The size and space constraints are also limiting the ability to open new services that are increasingly being demanded by the community.

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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Blue Mountain Hospital Expansion in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Blue Mountain Hospital, located at 802 S 200 W, Blanding, Utah 84511. The funding would be used to expand and improve their emergency department, patient care unit, surgery capacity, outpatient services, and overall supply storage. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Blue Mountain Hospital provides critical care in its rural community. The Blue Mountain Hospital expansion is critical to meet the needs of the rapidly growing area consisting of members of Navajo Nation, Ute Tribes, and 15,000 residents of San Juan County. Since opening, the demand on hospital services has grown due to population increases, resulting in challenges with storage, work, and patient flow. The size and space constraints are also limiting the ability to open new services that are increasingly being demanded by the community.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Kennedy, M.D. (UT-03)

Member of Congress