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**ICYMI: Rep. Panetta and Cambria Leaders   
Highlight Federal Investment   
in Cambria Ambulance Station Replacement**

**Cambria, CA –**United States Representative Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) joined the Cambria Community Health District, local leaders, and first responders to highlight new federal investment he secured for the replacement of the Cambria Ambulance Station and the importance of additional local investment in the project. Federal support was secured through the FY24 appropriations process.

Rep. Panetta recently secured $1,000,000 to support the construction of a new Cambria Ambulance Station to provide a new, modern, safe living and working facility for first responders, EMS professionals, and administrative staff. The funding will also support a new garage to protect ambulances and lifesaving medical equipment from the corrosive coastal environment and better resist fires, earthquakes, or high winds.

“Our first responders provide vital service to our citizens and must have reliable resources to fulfill that important role in our community,” **said Rep. Panetta.** “I’m proud to have secured a $1 million federal grant to help fund the replacement of the Cambria Ambulance Station which will not only help improve the living and working quarters of our first responders, but also better safeguard the equipment they need to respond to emergencies. This federal grant also is the foundation upon which the citizens of Cambria can pass a bond measure to ensure the completion of Cambria Ambulance Station. I am proud to partner with Cambria and the County to invest in the future Cambria Ambulance Station as well as the safety of our community.”

“The Cambria Community Healthcare District provides a lifeline to our residents and visitors when they need it the most,” **said Cambria Community Health District President Cecilia Montalvo.** “We staff two ambulances 24 hours a day, seven days a week so that this isolated geography is served at times when minutes matter. We are incredibly grateful to Congressman Panetta for assisting us in receiving this $1 million grant. With this federal partnership, funding the remaining costs of our replacement facility will be more affordable to local taxpayers “

This federal investment was [one of four Northern San Luis Obispo County projects Rep. Panetta fought to secure funding](https://panetta.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-panetta-secures-new-federal-investment-enhance-public-safety-northern-san) for in the latest government funding package. The projects, totaling $3.5 million, invest in public safety and resources for local first responders.

**Watch the livestream of the press conference:** [**HERE**](https://www.facebook.com/100044141094302/videos/1184229852917906)

Established in 1947, the Cambria Community Healthcare District provides Advanced Life Support ambulance service and community health education, serving the communities of Cambria, San Simeon, Harmony, and the surrounding North Coast of San Luis Obispo County. The District provides 24-hour emergency ambulance service to over 6,500 residents and over one million annual visitors within a 310 square mile area from the Monterey County line in the north, Villa Creek Road in the south, and the crest of SR 46 in the east.

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