

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2307

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Red Lake Falls Water and Wastewater Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Red Lake Falls, MN, located at 108 2nd St. SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate critical drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in the City of Red Lake Falls, while reconstructing associated streets, curbs, and gutters. Much of the City's water distribution system was installed decades ago and has exceeded its useful life, with some pipes more than 70 years old. The project will replace aging, undersized water mains to improve system reliability, restore adequate water pressure, and enhance redundancy within the distribution system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This project addresses serious public health and safety concerns associated with aging and deteriorating drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. Water mains older than 70 years are increasingly prone to breaks and service disruptions, compromising the reliability and safety of the community's drinking water supply.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for 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,



Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress