

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 Murdock Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Murdock City Council, MN, located at 300 Frederick Street, Murdock, MN 56271.

The funding would be used to implement improvements to the city of Murdock's wastewater collection and treatment facilities due to age, corrosion, and undersizing. The proposed improvements include installing a new sanitary sewer pipe, service laterals, life station rehab, and pond expansion. These investments will yield significant benefits not only for the City but also for the broader region. This project will provide economic development benefits but also improve the quality of life for area residents, environmental sustainability, and innovation.

The project is a sound use of taxpayer funds because investing taxpayer dollars in water infrastructure is essential for public health, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. Upgrading systems ensures safe drinking water, prevents disease, and supports industries like agriculture and tourism. Modernized infrastructure reduces pollution, protects natural water bodies, and enhances climate resilience through flood control and water reuse. It ensures legal compliance, promotes equity by benefiting marginalized communities, and prevents costly emergency repairs, saving money long-term.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1381.

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