

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

March 20, 2026

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 Vesta Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vesta City Council, MN, located at 150 West Front Street, Vesta, MN 56292.

The funding would be used to implement improvements to the city of Vesta. The city is looking to undergo a city-wide infrastructure project, which would include the rehabilitation, replacement, and updating of its drinking, waste, and stormwater systems. These improvements would include the rehabilitation and replacement of the city's drinking and wastewater treatment, storage, distribution, and conveyance systems to address health and sanitation concerns and ensure water quality.

The project is a sound use of taxpayer funds because investing taxpayer dollars in water infrastructure is essential for public health, economic growth, environmental protection, and social equity. Upgrading aging systems ensures safe drinking water, prevents disease, and supports industries like agriculture and manufacturing. Modernized infrastructure reduces pollution, enhances climate resilience, and complies with legal standards. It also creates jobs, boosts property values, addresses disparities in access, and saves money long-term by avoiding costly emergency repairs. Such investments strengthen communities and promote sustainable development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §300j-12.

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