



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sewer Lagoon Improvements project in the City of Mediapolis in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mediapolis, located at 510 Main Street, Mediapolis, Iowa 52637.

The funding would be used for modifications to the sewage treatment lagoon system to meet ammonia effluent compliance. The project includes aeration improvements, supplemental treatment processes, and infiltration and inflow correction in the sewer collection system. These improvements will allow the City to achieve compliance and no longer face enforcement action from Iowa DNR.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because properly functioning sanitary sewer treatment facilities protect the recreational and drinking water resources of Iowa's citizens. Furthermore, correction of infiltration and inflow into the sewer system helps maintain the capacity of the sewer system for economic growth and eliminates the potential for backed up sewers and flooding of basements with sewage. Citizens expect to be able to flush their toilets, drink safe water, and recreate in streams. These are basic necessities and therefore are a valuable use of taxpayer funds. This project will bring a community sewer system back into compliance, which allows citizens to have proper basic utilities function, drink safe water, recreate in safe streams, and allows the community to have sewer system capacity for economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks MD".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress