



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

March 27, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Phase 2 of the Montgomery Drive Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tipton, IA, located at 407 Lynn Street, Tipton, IA 52060.

The funding for this project would complete the development of a 20-acre subdivision initiated by the grant-funded Phase 1. This project, which includes essential road, trail, and utility construction, requires a public-private partnership because the scale of investment is beyond local capacity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Tipton is facing a critical housing shortage and a declining population, which hinders local employers from filling jobs and forces essential workers to commute from outside the district. To reverse these trends and address the economic disparities between rural and urban Iowa, the city is prioritizing the Montgomery Drive infrastructure project to create developable land for new residents. By completing Phase 2, Tipton aims to become a competitive "outer-rung" community for the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City regions, fostering local growth and economic diversity.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

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