



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

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority Reconstruction of Airport Entrance Road in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority located at 2515 Summer Street, Burlington, IA 52601-3327.

The funding would be used for reconstruction and stormwater improvements for the Airport entrance road. Currently, the existing storm sewer infrastructure is undersized which causes flooding and has damaged parked vehicles at the airport. The reconstruction of the entrance road has been planned by the Airport for several years, but due to limited funding and increasing construction costs, the project has not yet been funded. This project proposes to reconstruct the Airport entrance road, make stormwater improvements, improve commuter safety to and from the airport, connect Airport to adjacent City bike trail, and provide the community with a lasting impression for its visitors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Airport entrance road is the first and last impression for a community visitor. Leaving a good impression on a potential investor can make a difference for future economic opportunities. The Southeast Iowa Regional Airport is one of 8 commercial service airports in the State of Iowa and is of critical importance to the regional economy. The airport averages over 20,000 airport operations annually with an economic output over \$12 million. The Airport welcomes over 11,000 annual visitors. This project could spur future growth and investment in the community; investing in Iowa Airports returns at a rate of \$16 in annual economic benefit for each dollar invested.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.

Member of Congress