

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

April 30, 2025

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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Blooming Prairie Trunk Highway 218 Corridor Utility Improvement and Contamination Remediation project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Blooming Prairie, MN, located at 138 Hwy. Ave. S., P.O. Box 68, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917.

The funding would be used for soil and groundwater remediation, replacement of current PVC joints and piping with ductile iron piping and reinforced iron joints to prevent contamination from permeating into the water supply and groundwater, and public utility upgrades.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist the City of Blooming Prairie in addressing severe contamination of soil and groundwater, which is a source of distributed water for the community and poses a serious public health risk, discovered along the corridor during pre-construction testing. Infrastructure upgrades are needed to prevent further contamination from affecting city utilities.

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

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

Sincerely,



Brad Finstad  
Member of Congress