

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

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

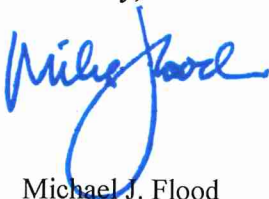
I am requesting funding for updates to the City of Hickman Wastewater Treatment Facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hickman, NE, located at 115 Locust St. Hickman, NE 68372. The funding would be used to This project would upgrade and rehabilitate existing municipal wastewater treatment plant and collection system to meet increased demand due to rapid population growth. The existing facility has a capacity of approximately 325,000 GPD and will be able to meet regulations with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewals. The City plans to construct a headworks and an additional final clarifier to utilize the full capacity of the existing oxidation ditch of 650,000 GPD. With some new equipment, this treatment capacity will utilize the existing influent lift station, oxidation ditch, final clarifier, aerobic digesters, and UV structures. Additional sludge storage will be needed to accommodate increased flows. The City plans to construct sludge drying beds to increase its sludge handling capacity and to provide additional capacity as the City grows.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Based on an evaluation of Hickman's current wastewater treatment facility, the City of Hickman plans to make upgrades and improvements to meet the demands of a rapidly-growing population. These improvements are designed to ensure compliance with regulations set by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Upgrades to this facility will protect state resource waters, which benefits surface water through the further treatment of waste water. Meeting higher water quality standards would also benefit public health, aquatic life, water supply, and recreational activities.

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,



Michael J. Flood
Member of Congress