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## Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-1501

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cedar Rapids Redundant Power for Resilient Flood Control as a community project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of Cedar Rapids, located at 101 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

This funding would support the flood mitigation efforts of the City of Cedar Rapids; this project would consist of the installation of a 450 kW natural gas generator and the duct bank required to power the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE Downtown Pump Station along the Cedar River. The purpose of this investment is to prevent electrical failures of the pump stations during severe flooding, protect livelihoods and businesses, and bring the pump station into FEMA compliance, which requires a redundant supply of electricity to certify the flood control system and pump station. There is strong community support for this request.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress