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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, &
Food & Drug Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, &
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$275,000 for the Dysart Public Works Maintenance Facility Renovation Project as a community project funding request through the Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants account. The intended recipient is the City of Dysart, located at 601 Wilson Street, Dysart, Iowa 52224. This project would take place at 713 Wilson Street, Dysart, Iowa 52224.

This project will support the construction of the City of Dysart's new public works facility to safely hold equipment for the city's water treatment efforts, road maintenance, and snow removal equipment. Dysart, a rural town in my district, is in desperate need of a new public works building to manage the aging infrastructure in the town of 1,257 residents. The city's current public works building is unsafe for city staff and equipment, with a structurally deficient roof and black mold present throughout the building. Due to the condition of the city's current facility, staff and equipment have been moved to temporary facilities across the city. Public works staff currently must be shuttled from location to location across the town to gather the equipment necessary to complete public works in the town.

With this funding, the City of Dysart will construct a new public works facility to store all the city's essential equipment and provide a safe workspace for the city's public works employees. Such projects are core to the mission of the Community Facilities program, which aims to help small communities improve essential community infrastructure. This project is essential to ensure that staff within the Dysart Public Works Department can continue to carry out their responsibilities to maintain and improve essential infrastructure for the community. By ensuring

that Dysart has a sufficient public works facility, the city can continue to attract working families to rural Iowa.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY25 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations