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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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 3rd Avenue SE Downtown Pump Station Backup Generator as a community project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of Cedar Rapids, located at 101 1st 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 3rd 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, protecting livelihoods and businesses, and bringing 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
Committee on Appropriations