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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing & Urban Development,
& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
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& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

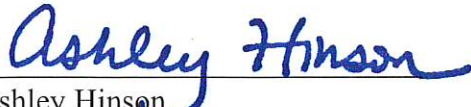
As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request the inclusion of \$2,000,000 in community project funding for the City of Ely Urban Renewal Initiative. The entity receiving the funding for this project is the City of Ely, located at 1570 Rowley Street, Ely, Iowa 52227.

This project supports Phase 2 of Ely's Old Town District redevelopment, providing critical stormwater, sewer, and road improvements to revitalize the rural downtown, attract businesses, and support economic growth. This is especially needed since commercial businesses are unable to operate in the city, given the outdated infrastructure systems. By making these improvements, businesses would be able to operate in the city, providing needed job opportunities and bringing a new workforce into the city.

The improvements will also enhance fire protection, stormwater management, and pedestrian safety while preserving the area's historic characteristics. These investments will strengthen Ely's economic base and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY25 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill.
Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations