

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1501**

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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2026 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$1,200,000 in community project funding for the Westlinden Lift Station Project. The intended recipient is the City of Dyersville, located at 340 1st Avenue East, Dyersville, Iowa 52040. This project would take place at 510 2nd Street NW, Dyersville, Iowa 52040.

These funds will support the City of Dyersville's efforts to replace the outdated Westlinden Lift Station. The Westlinden Lift Station has required significant maintenance over the past years, including replacement of the pumps and aged electrical power supply equipment. The Westlinden Lift Station is the last lift station that requires updating in the community.

As Dyersville continues to grow, the City must meet increasing waste demands. The City of Dyersville has made significant public investments in wastewater facilities in the past to comply with federal and state environmental regulations, resulting in very high fees for sewer users to support repayment of these past projects. If the City continues without further assistance, local businesses could be forced to delay or re-evaluate their capital improvements and expansion plans within the City of Dyersville, reversing the positive community growth that Dyersville has experienced. This project is also important to reduce the likelihood of sewer backups into residents' homes and untreated wastewater discharging into the environment, including the Maquoketa River, which flows through the heart of downtown Dyersville.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY26 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

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