

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Medicine Lake Public Water System in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Medicine Lake, located at 10609 South Shore Drive, Medicine Lake, MN, 55441.

The funding would be used by the City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota, to construct a new public water system. The project consists of installing 7400 feet of new 8-inch water main along with 24 fire hydrants and 138 service stubs to enable homes to hook up to the water system. The City worked closely with the City of Plymouth on a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to allow the City of Medicine Lake to draw water from Plymouth's public water system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because City residents currently use private wells for drinking water, but this has become problematic because the wells are aging and draw upon shallow water sources. Water quality and the potential for contamination is a concern for this area. Additionally, residents currently have inadequate fire protection due to the lack of hydrants and public water.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Dean Phillips
Member of Congress