April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $750,000 in funding for the City of Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Corridor (SRCC) - Phase II Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Shakopee, located at 485 Gorman St., Shakopee, MN 55379.

The funding would be used for the repair of city owned trails in the Cultural Corridor and installation of interpretive nodes, individual interpretive elements, an augmented reality application and research, scripting, design, and production of said elements. Of notable significance, the riverbank area contains burial mounds of the ancestors of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). Phase II will bring people together to (re)discover Shakopee and the Minnesota River's historical, cultural, and ecological significance and build a cross-cultural understanding among those who live in and visit the Shakopee area.

The SRCC project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because upon completion, it will produce innovative ways for the corridor to be accessible to and enjoyed by members of the community and all visitors, while positively impacting the economic development of Shakopee and the surrounding area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Angie Craig
Member of Congress