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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$4,995,000 in funding for the Veterans Memorial Greenway project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Dakota, located at 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN 55033.

The funding would be used to commemorate and remember the service of all veterans from Dakota County and throughout Minnesota, provide the public with authentic experiences via 5-7 memorials that are created by veterans, provide a large space for patriotic community events and celebrations and provide an attractive greenway for veterans, their families, and the public that benefits their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

It will be Minnesota's longest greenway dedicated to veterans, offering a year-round, safe and universally accessible outdoor space for diverse visitors to enjoy nature, celebrate the state's strong tradition of military service and honor all veterans.

Development of the Veterans Memorial Greenway is critical to enhancing pedestrian safety. The current route will increase safety by eliminating crossing conflicts with 54,000 trucks and other vehicles daily on County Roads 71 and 73, and State Highways 3 and 52. Also the greenway design will enhance pedestrian safety to trains traveling on two active rail lines. The greenway's accessibility features will welcome the county's more than 6,600 disabled veterans and other users with disabilities.

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

Sincerely,



Angie Craig  
Member of Congress