

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302

May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Le Sueur Community & Recreation Center Redevelopment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Le Sueur, located at 203 South Second Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058.

The funding would be used for the first phase of the renewal, revitalization, and redevelopment project of the Le Sueur Community & Recreation Center. The Le Sueur Community Center currently serves as a recreation hub for thousands of citizens of MN-02, though the building is in desperate need of redevelopment. The spaces are small, outdated, and not conducive to a 21st century accessible recreational center. The Minnesota River Bulldogs hockey program calls the Center its home, drawing in thousands of players and fans throughout the year, connecting communities across the Second District. This publicly owned and operated center has served the people of Le Sueur, Nicollet, Sibley, and surrounding counties for over five decades through aquatics, fitness spaces, and other broad recreational programming. The Center is recognized as a vital tool for ensuring a healthy and vibrant community that serves well beyond the municipal boundaries of Le Sueur. In creating a more accessible, more robust facility, the mission of this critical space can be better met as we strive to serve all people, of all walks of life.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve a community center to improve access to wellness and recreation services in rural Minnesota, increase public health and provide greater economic opportunity.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress