

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,500,000 in funding for the Dakota County Mississippi River Greenway Road Crossing Safety Projects in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dakota County, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN 55033.

This funding would be used to improve safety of 23 road crossings along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway corridor, connecting the cities of St. Paul and Hastings through Dakota County, and to provide consistent orientation and user support signage for the corridor. The greenway connects seven communities and many destinations along the Mississippi River, including Dakota County's new Spring Lake Park Reserve Bison Prairie. The project will complete and enhance the Mississippi River Greenway as a major recreational amenity serving a diverse population. The final major improvements are estimated at \$12.2 million and will complete the Mississippi River Greenway as envisioned in the early 1990s.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it is a key link in a regional trail system that connects communities along 73 miles of the Mississippi River and beyond. This project will leverage additional state and county funding, demonstrating the commitment to the importance of the project. Dakota County and its many local, regional, state, and federal partners have already invested over \$40 million into the 27-mile greenway.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress