

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Brooklyn Park Animal Control Facility in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brooklyn Park, located at 5200 85th Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443.

The funding will be used by the City of Brooklyn Park for a modern, purpose-built animal control facility to meet the growing needs of the city. Brooklyn Park has seen rising numbers of stray animals, increased animal-related incidents, and expanding community welfare needs while relying on an overburdened regional facility. The new facility will follow best practices in humane care, safe containment, and public-safety protocols, featuring updated kenneling, quarantine and medical evaluation areas, animal handling infrastructure, secure storage, and dedicated staff space. The project also establishes a regional partnership model, with at least one neighboring community planning to use the facility for its own animal control operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety and help provide Brooklyn Park with the infrastructure it needs to keep up with a growing population and shrinking capacity to manage stray animals.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Kelly Morrison  
Member of Congress