

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Independence Iduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Independence, located at 1920 County Rd 90, Independence, MN 55359.

The funding would be used by the City of Independence to pave and modernize approximately one mile of Iduhapi Road, which is currently unpaved. The project will upgrade the deteriorating gravel surface to a durable, all weather asphalt roadway with grading, base stabilization, drainage improvements, culvert replacements, and safety enhancements. These improvements are necessary to address hazardous conditions that undermine vehicle traction and emergency response reliability. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the upgraded roadway will ensure safe, year-round access for residents, emergency responders, service providers, and visitors.

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