

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for WAFTA Site Cleanup in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Excelsior, located at 350 Highway 7, Suite 230, Excelsior, MN 55331.

The funding would be used by the City of Excelsior to remediate and revitalize the Western Area Fire Training Academy (WAFTA) site. The site, which has been vacant and unusable for years, is a former Federal Nike Missile launch facility that later became a training facility for local fire departments before it was found to be contaminated with toxic chemicals. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will eliminate toxins like lead and PFAS from soil and groundwater and rehabilitate an unused property, with the end goal of creating a workforce training center for firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMS, and other first responders.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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