

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0403

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking DeLauro,

I respectfully am requesting funding for the City of Gravette's Sanitary Sewer Extension in the fiscal year 2024.

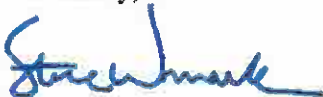
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gravette. The city's address is 202 Main Street NE Gravette, Arkansas 72736.

The City of Gravette's existing sanitary sewer system is in need of an expansion to accommodate residential development, foster economic growth, and adapt to increased traffic volume. This request from the City of Gravette will extend the sanitary sewer approximately 4.5 miles east along Highway 72 in Gravette to near Interstate 49. Extending the sewer would improve the health and safety of residents and protect the local environment from the risk of wastewater contamination. This sewer extension project would allow for residential and commercial connections opening undeveloped land for residential and commercial development, including the possibility of light manufacturing or light industrial development that, in turn, could bring competitive-paying jobs to the area and increase the local tax base. The Arkansas Department of Transportation has plans for a state welcome center located along the sewer route that is projected to have 80,000-100,000 annual visitors. Additionally, the sewer would support the Gravette Public School District accommodate future student enrollment in Gravette, as they have purchased two large tracts of land for future schools along the sewer route. The project will fund the core components of the gravity sewer expansion including sewer pipes, forced mains, manholes, and four lift stations.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack  
Member of Congress